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Chickasaw legal scholar confirmed by U.S. Senate to lead BIA

Confirmed

Chickasaw citizen Kevin Washburn, left, is joined by, from left, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Gov. Bill Anoatubby; and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) following the Committee's hearing on Mr. Washburn's nomination to lead the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mr. Washburn was confirmed by the full Senate.

Chickasaw citizen Kevin Washburn was confirmed Sept. 21 as the new leader of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Confirmation by the full Senate came just one day after the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs reported the nomination and urged confirmation.

In his report, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairman Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) expressed confidence that Mr. Washburn "will work with determination and humility to enhance self-determination, promote self-governance, and help improve the future for all of the indigenous peoples of our nation."

Governor Bill Anoatubby said he was pleased the Senate acted so quickly to confirm the nomination.

"We look forward to Assistant Secretary Washburn providing dynamic leadership at the BIA," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We believe his knowledge and understanding of Indian law and policy will help enable tribes and the federal government to develop an even more effective working relationship.

"He is uniquely qualified to provide the strong leadership necessary to ensure the Bureau of Indian Affairs can be, and continues to be, a positive force in helping enhance the quality of life of Indian people across the country."

During the committee hearing, Mr. Washburn said the principle of tribal self-governance would help guide him in his work at the BIA.

"That's not from any ivory tower view of self-governance, but from gritty personal experience," Mr. Washburn said. "Tribal self-governance made my life better."

Mr. Washburn conveyed the story of how the Chickasaw Na-

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Chickasaw 'warrior lawyer' Jess Green dies at 59

JESS GREEN

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw "warrior lawyer" Jessie Don "Jess" Green died Sept. 8, 2012 in Ada. Mr. Green was 59.

Mr. Green was an attorney and a longtime advocate for Chickasaw and Indian rights. He was a champion for Indian children and was an activist in establishing Indian juvenile courts following the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Reuniting Indian children with their families was an important mission for Mr. Green. Following the passage of the Act, Mr. Green established the first Indian juvenile court in Oklahoma with the Comanche Nation.

He was also an important figure in the world of Indian gaming. Mr. Green successfully argued before the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in *U.S. v. MegaMania Gambling Devices* and *Ashcroft v. Seneca-*

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Presidential election Nov. 6

Indian citizens encouraged to register

The Chickasaw Nation is engaged in an election-year effort to encourage Native people to register to vote and participate in the 2012 national election.

The campaign is a nonpartisan voter outreach effort and has a goal of turning out the largest Chickasaw - and Native - vote in history.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby expressed the importance of promoting registration and of getting Indian voters to the polls in November.

"As Chickasaws and as Americans it is our right and our civic duty to participate in the voting process," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Our votes are our voice and it is important that we are heard by our elected representatives."

Chickasaw Nation representatives have focused much of the effort on college campuses. Registration efforts are under way at East Central University in Ada, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and Murray State College.

Additionally, registration forms and tools are available at Chickasaw Nation health clinics, area offices and other facilities throughout the area.

A national grassroots media campaign is also helping to register Native voters online. Participating websites provide voters with the ability to register.

An important note: to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 6 national election, voters in Oklahoma must be registered no later than Oct. 12. For voters in other states, please check with your local election board

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tion's decision to assume operation of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, Okla., led to greater respect from staff, shorter waiting times, improved health care and customer service.

Mr. Washburn made a commitment to help ensure the federal government lives up to its obligations to tribes regarding consultation, trust responsibilities, education, law enforcement and preservation of Native American culture.

Gov. Anoatubby said Kevin Washburn was a "shining example" of a Native American who has made a lifetime commitment to serve Indian people.

"Kevin Washburn's commitment to Indian country is well-documented," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He has written extensively on federal Indian policy, criminal law in Indian Country, Indian gaming law and other relevant topics. Even more significant is the fact that his scholarship has helped lead to significant advances in Federal Indian policy."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw citizen, said Mr. Washburn's skills, experience and knowledge made him a "superb selection" for the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Rep. Cole noted that Mr. Washburn understands that tribes exist to improve the lives of their people.

"Kevin doesn't just know that," Rep. Cole said. "He's seen it and he's lived it through the experience of our tribe, the Chickasaw Nation. He wants to ensure that all tribes and all Native Americans have the same opportunities and the same chances to excel that have been made possible by our leadership of our tribe, particularly Governor Anoatubby."

Mr. Washburn has served as Dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law since June 2009. He previously served as the Rosenstiel Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law from 2008 to 2009, and as an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School from 2002 to 2008.

From 2007 to 2008, Mr. Washburn was the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School. Previously, he served as General Counsel for the National Indian Gaming Commission from 2000 to 2002, and as an Assistant United States Attorney in Albuquerque, N.M., from 1997 to 2000.

Mr. Washburn was a trial attorney in the Indian Resources Section of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1994 to 1997.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and a juris doctorate from Yale Law School.

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for registration deadlines.

Registering is quick and easy. It's important you take the short amount of time it takes and become a registered voter.

Remember - every Native vote counts!

How to Register

Voter registration applications are available at all Chickasaw Nation area offices and senior centers. Applications are also available at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and at all Chickasaw Nation Health Clinics.

The Chickasaw Nation has organized voter registration drives at local universities and will host a voter registration booth at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Voter registration applications are available at County Election Boards, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and other public service facilities.

Oklahomans are offered a voter registration application when applying for assistance at some government agencies.

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Oklahomans to vote on state questions

The Chickasaw Nation joins the "Native Vote" campaign encouraging citizens to get registered for the upcoming November elections. Volunteers and citizens have been registering voters throughout the Nation for the last several weeks in order to hit the Oct. 12 deadline.

More than one million eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives (34 percent of the total Native population over age 18) were not registered to vote in the 2008 elections. Native leaders across the country are working to engage more Native Americans to register and vote in 2012 – and hopefully report the largest Native voter turnout in history. According to the most recent census, Oklahoma's Native population is about 8.9% (nearly 322,000).

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election in Oklahoma is Oct. 12. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 31. Early voting in Oklahoma is Nov. 2, 3 and 5.

For more information on how to register, click the "Native Vote" banner at www.chickasaw.net.

This year, Oklahomans will be casting ballots in the races for President, all five of Oklahoma's Congressional districts, all 101 seats in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and 24 seats in the State Senate. In addition, several state questions will be on the ballot in November. They are (according to the Oklahoma Secretary of State):

SQ 758 – Ad valorem taxation limitation on valuation increases

The measure deals with real property taxes, also called ad valorem taxes. These taxes are based on several factors. One factor is the fair cash value of the property.

The measure changes the limits on increases in fair cash value. Now, increases are limited to 5% of fair cash value in any taxable year. The measure changes the cap on increases to 3% for some property. The 3% cap would apply to homestead exempted property. The cap would also apply to agricultural land. SQ 759 – Prohibits certain preferential treatment or discrimination

The measure deals with three areas of government action. These areas are employment, education and contracting. In these areas, the measure does not allow affirmative action programs. Affirmative action programs give preferred treatment based on race, color or gender. They also give preferred treatment based on ethnicity or national origin. Discrimination on these bases is also not permitted.

The measure permits affirmative action in three instances. 1. When gender is a bonafide qualification, it is allowed. 2. Existing court orders and consent decrees that require preferred treatment will continue and can be followed. 3. Affirmative action is allowed when needed to keep or obtain federal funds.

The measure applies to the State and its agencies. It applies to counties, cities and towns. It applies to school districts. It applies to other State subdivisions. The measure applies only to actions taken after its approval by the people.

SQ 762 – Modifies the power and authority of the Governor of Oklahoma and Pardon and Parole Board in the parole process for non-violent offenders

This measure amends Section 10 of Article 6 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It changes current law, decreas-

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U.S. health care system provides unique challenges, opportunities

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

A common situation among governments of all types today involves how to "do the most with the least."

As tax receipts have declined, governments are continually seeking ways to cut expenses while also maintaining essential programs and services. There are a number of reasons for declines in federal, state, county and municipal revenues. Some have to do with erosion of tax bases, some with less than robust business climate, and some with actual reduction of tax rates assessed by the governments.

A real challenge occurs when an essential program or service continues to experience cost increases even as the state's ability to pay for that program or service declines.

In American health care, the squeeze is on – and it is often on in a big way. Regardless of who sits in the White House, the Governor's Mansion or the mayor's chair, health care costs are rising at a rate that could eventually become unsustainable. The demographics of the country have something to do with this, but regardless, costs could continue to rise.

Some government leaders have sought to reduce health care costs by shifting burdens to hospitals, clinics and physicians. Reimbursements from the Medicare and Medicaid funds are then reduced.

Others advocate reducing the health care cost to government by shifting the burden to the patients who utilize Medicare and Medicaid. Whatever the proposed solution, it presents a tough situation that enforces some hard-to-swallow medicine.

We can count ourselves – Chickasaws – as very, very fortunate when it comes to health care. We are in a unique situation that allows us to access high quality health care in a low-cost environment.

When we built the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, we accessed funds through the U.S. Indian Health Service joint venture program. This program provided our tribe substantial resources for medical practitioners in exchange for our construction of the medical center. Those resources are helping drive our health care excellence for Chickasaws and other Indian patients.

In addition to the joint venture funding, the Chickasaw Nation continues to receive federal IHS dollars for providing Indian health care in the service unit surrounding Ada. These dollars flow from our 1994 compact with the federal government in which our tribe agreed to provide Indian health care in this area.

Finally, the Chickasaw Nation provides Chickasaw-specific programs which supplement the above funding programs with tribal dollars. Chickasaw people can, among other programs, access the Medisaw and Medical Assistance Program (MAP) elements for treatment.

That, in a nutshell, is how our Chickasaw Nation health care system works. All dollars involved – both federal and tribal – are dedicated to Chickasaw and Indian health care.

Our tribe also has other health care entities, but these are entirely unique and separate from our medical center, clinics and general health care.

Our Division of Commerce is in the business of producing net income that is, in many cases, used to build programs and services for the Chickasaw people. Our tribal businesses range from hotels to manufacturing to gaming to data processing – and much more. All these businesses produce resources vital to our continued vitality and strength as a tribe, and as individual Chickasaws.

We have several operations that are engaged in the "business" of health care. One of those businesses is the Sovereign Clinic, located in the city of Ada.

Our Sovereign Clinic is open to anyone seeking health care services. The facility is staffed by physicians, nurses, physician assistants, technicians and other staff. At the Sovereign Clinic, we provide health care services, and for those services we receive payment by the patient, the patient's insurance company, or both. Our dual goals at the Sovereign Clinic are to provide excellent health care, and to produce revenue.

That, basically, is how American health care works. At the Division of Commerce, it has been determined that a health care business provides a very good opportunity to deliver services that help people, and also pay dividends for the tribe.

Every penny that goes into the Sovereign Clinic, and other for-profit businesses, is tribal funding that has been designated for such investment. No federal funding is used to operate the Sovereign Clinic.

Health care today can be a very complicated business. Many entities are engaged – hospitals, clinics, physicians, insurance companies, patients, governments – and it can be a bit daunting. However, at the Chickasaw Nation we have a clear and firm mandate to provide the highest quality health care to Chickasaws and other Indian patients through our Division of Health. And we are totally committed to that mandate.

We are also committed to self-governance and tribal independence. Our plan, conceived more than two decades ago, was to build our tribal businesses up to the point that we would be masters of our own destiny. Of the many businesses we operate, some are engaged in health care-related fields.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we are respected because we do things the right way. We don't cut corners or operate in gray areas. We understand our mission – to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people – and we take that mission very seriously.

My job is to be a good leader, to evaluate situations carefully and fully, and to make decisions that are good for the people I serve. We are living up to those expectations together.

I look forward to serving you far into our shared, exciting future. My goal is prosperity, happiness and success – for all Chickasaw people.

JESS GREEN

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Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, et al. His successful defense of MegaMania, a gaming company, and the Seneca-Cayugas paved the way for modern Indian gaming operations in Oklahoma and across the U.S.

"Jess Green embodied the best attributes of a warrior fighting to defend his people," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "His knowledge of the law, combined with his intelligence, quick wit and powerful personality made him a force to be reckoned with. He won many court battles that will continue to have a positive impact in the Chickasaw Nation and Indian Country for years to come."

Mr. Green displayed a keen instinct regarding the successful growth of Indian gaming. His arguments about Class II games in Indian Country overcame government efforts to essentially shut down Indian gaming. Mrs. Green successfully argued that the Class II games being used in Indian casinos were not in violation of the Johnson Act or the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

"Jess Green was a brother, friend, colleague, and advocate for Indian Country," National Indian Gaming Association chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. said. "He has shown tireless dedication on behalf of Indian sovereignty, and a selfless commitment to Indian economic development in his work as an attorney representing Indian Country in the private practice of law second to none."

Mr. Green earned his juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1977. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1974 from East Central (Oklahoma) University.

He established the Green Law Firm in Ada where he practiced until his death.

Mr. Green served in the first Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and served a term as legislative chairman.

He had also served as an associate district judge in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

For a full obituary, see page 35 of this issue.

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Facility purchased in 1972 also served as tribal headquarters

Initial tribal business - Chickasaw Motor Inn - paved the way for success

The Chickasaw Motor Inn, purchased by the Chickasaw Nation 40 years ago this month, was the first business owned by the tribe. Today, the Chickasaw Nation owns and operates more than 60 businesses in a number of diverse industries and employs more than 12,000 people. After more than three decades of service, the Motor Inn was razed in 2006 to make way for construction of the new Artesian Hotel.

Construction on the Artesian Hotel continues at the previous Chickasaw Motor Inn site. The first tribal business, the Chickasaw Motor Inn was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation 40 years ago this month. The Artesian Hotel and near-by Chickasaw Visitor Center is expected to be complete by mid-2013. Mike McKee

Four decades ago in September, the Chickasaw Nation took its first tentative steps into business when the tribe purchased a travel lodge in Sulphur, Okla.

The Chickasaw Motor Inn proved a successful initial move, paving the way for successful economic ventures around the globe.

When the Chickasaw Nation took ownership of what was then known as the Artesian Motor Hotel in September, 1972, it was the first business owned and operated by the tribe.

The tribe submitted a successful bid of $139,000 for the motel, which had fallen into foreclosure.

Making use of a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to renovate and remodel the facility, tribal officials also made careful plans for operation of the business.

With appropriate renovations and a new business plan, the Motor Inn quickly became a profit-making venture for the Chickasaw Nation, earning approximately $100,000 for the tribe in its first year of operation.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said that while revenues varied over the years, the Motor Inn proved to be a very good long-term investment.

"While the Motor Inn was a successful business for decades, it eventually made better economic sense to replace the facility rather than continue paying for repairs," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Nevertheless, that business marked the beginning of our successful long-term economic development efforts."

The 72-unit motel was built in 1965 after its predecessor, the Artesian Hotel, burned in 1962.

Constructed at West First and Muskogee in 1906, the original Artesian was named for the Artesian wells located on the property. Throughout its history, it was the social epicenter of southern Oklahoma. Guests included Oklahoma Gov. William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray and movie star John Wayne.

The hotel's modest replacement, built for $750,000, fell into foreclosure in the early 1970s before it was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Motor Inn also served as tribal headquarters until the official Chickasaw Nation headquarters building in Ada opened in 1977. When the Chickasaw Nation purchased the Motor Inn, there was a grand total of 25 tribal employees. Today the Chickasaw Nation employs nearly 12,000 people worldwide.

For years, the Chickasaw Motor Inn attracted morning coffee drinkers, served as the meeting site for numerous local civic clubs, and was a favorite meeting spot for Sunday afternoon lunch.

After more than three decades of service, the Chickasaw Motor Inn was razed in 2006 to make way for construction of the new Artesian Hotel.

Ground was broken on the new hotel in the fall of 2010.

"It is fitting for this development to take place on the site where our first tribal business began some 40 years ago," Gov. Anoatubby said at the Artesian groundbreaking. "Construction of the Artesian Hotel in this historic location demonstrates a significant investment in the tourism industry as well as our continued commitment to economic development and job creation."

While the new Artesian will look much like the original Artesian, the new hotel will be a state-of-the-art facility.

Amenities featured at the 81-room boutique hotel will include a restaurant, banquet room, swimming pools, and full service spa.

In a nod to the history of the original Artesian and the many mineral springs in the area, the new hotel spa will include a one-of-a-kind mineral bath.

The new hotel will also complement the other tourist destinations in the Sulphur area including the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The Artesian Hotel and nearby Chickasaw Visitor Center is expected to be complete mid-2013.

Tribal business takes root and prospers

Since acquiring the Chickasaw Motor Inn, Chickasaw businesses have blossomed throughout tribal boundaries and beyond.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation owns and operates more than 60 businesses across a diversity of sectors including manufacturing, hospitality and entertainment, tourism, energy, health care, banking, broadcast media and fine chocolate.

In 2011, the Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than $2.4 billion in Oklahoma. The tribe employed more than 10,000 workers in Oklahoma with a payroll of $318 million. Those numbers rank the Chickasaw Nation as the seventh-largest employer in the state. Including multiplier effects, the Chickasaw Nation is responsible for approximately 16,000 jobs with a total payroll of $525 million.

The Chickasaw Nation's government expenditures amounted to $129 million in 2011, funding programs and services to enhance the lives of Chickasaw citizens, such as medical care, education, youth programs and social services.

"Our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people continues to guide the long-term goals of our business diversification strategy," Gov. Anoatubby said. "While our investment in the Sulphur area has already had a considerable positive impact on the local economy, we believe our economic development efforts will have a positive impact on the lives of Chickasaw people and all Oklahomans far into the future."

Community partners

The Chickasaw Nation strives to partner with local communities for the benefit of all Oklahomans.

Throughout the years, the Chickasaw Nation has contributed to university building projects, county hospitals, local schools and other projects.

"We are proud to be a part of Oklahoma," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We care about the local communities and the state of Oklahoma. We believe that what is good for the Chickasaw Nation is good for state of Oklahoma and what is good for Oklahoma is good for the Chickasaw Nation."

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The Chickasaw Nation

Is accepting applications for the following:

Director of Nursing

Position is located in Ada, OK for the Division of Health. Qualified candidate must possess a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and possesses a postgraduate degree in nursing or a related field; or a written plan to obtain these qualifications and 5 years in current nursing leadership and management experience demonstrating progressive leadership development and competency. Experience in the budgeting process and management techniques is also essential. Please reference job code: 22693.

For a description of the Chickasaw Nation, or to complete an application and view detailed information, please refer to http://www.chickasaw.net. If you would like additional information, you may contact: 580.436.7259, or PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. American Indian Preference.

‘Home’ means Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival

DEAN MCMANUS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

You will be reading this column on or about the first day of October. I hope you are “home” in the Chickasaw Nation for our 52nd Annual Meeting and 24th Chickasaw Festival!

This is such a special time of year for all Chickasaws, our families and friends. We have the opportunity to celebrate our culture, reflect on our past and our future, and just catch up with old friends.

I know some Chickasaws have never been to Annual Meeting and Festival, and for you my prayer is that you make plans to join us. You will never regret it!

Even if you have felt a little disconnected because of where you live, or because you weren’t raised with an emphasis on your Chickasaw background - that’s okay! We want you to come join us and make connection with all the wonderful people who share your heritage. We want to meet you!

As you probably know, there are many, many events and activities to enjoy during Annual Meeting and Festival. Many will help you “get in touch” with that Chickasaw essence that is deep inside you.

During the week you can enjoy leisurely tours of great venues like the Chickasaw White House in Emet, the historic Chickasaw Capitol in Tishomingo and the fantastic Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. There’s never a big rush!

You will enjoy artwork, history, cultural demonstrations - and people. There are so many fellow Chickasaws with whom you will interact. There is a story that goes along with each individual Chickasaw. Don’t be surprised if you find you are related!

I think one of the best events of all is Cultural Evening on Thursday, October 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The Center is tremendous and the evening of culture and heritage is sure to touch you.

Saturday, October 6 is a very big day with Gov. Anoatubby’s State of the Nation Address at 9 a.m. This is something you really need to see and hear. So much great information about our tribe, where we are going and what our future holds.

Following the address is the parade down Tishomingo’s Main Street - a real treat!

There are so many things to do, people to meet - discoveries to make - during Annual Meeting and Festival.

I very much hope to see you this year, but if not - let’s make our plans now for next year!

Please call, write or email if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

NOTICE:

The October Legislative Session will be October 26, 2012, 9 a.m. at the Legislative Building. This is a change of date for the October Session only.

‘Sheco Road’ based on bits of interesting history

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

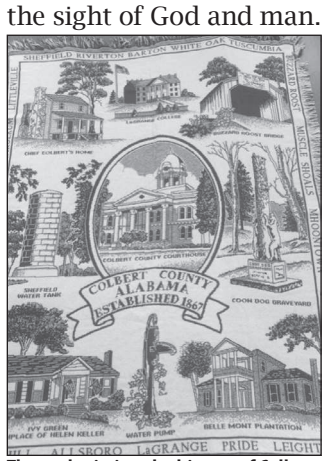
Let me pick up where I left off last month with the naming of Sheco Road. Ms.Margie Testerman submitted the name to county commissioners and the road was officially named Sheco Road.

Mr. Charlie Sheco had been married three times: #1 Amelia Wolff, #2 Rose Cobb and #3 Catherine Perry. He and his family had actually lived on that particular road. I drove the Sheco Road and stopped at the Yarnaby Cemetery to see many of Charlie’s relatives. After reading the family history, and then seeing the headstones, it made me feel like I knew these people! Just think, one of these days somebody might be reading about us and visiting various cemeteries to locate our final resting places…hope I leave a good legacy and enough information so they can follow the trail.

Recently at the Achille Senior Center, I visited with Mrs. Barbara Beshirs. She shared the story of attending the Colbert Reunion and the Oka Kapassa Festival in Tuscumbia, Alabama. While at the meeting she was awarded a throw depicting the history of Colbert County, Alabama. Up in the top left corner of the blanket is a picture of Chief Colbert’s Home. Colbert County, Alabama is a kindred spirit to those of us in the Colbert Oklahoma area!

Here is a housekeeping tip. We have recently completed tribal elections and some citizens discovered that they were unable to participate in the election of their choice. Those of you who reside outside of Chickasaw Tribal boundaries may choose any of the four districts: Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc, or Tishomingo. Make sure you are where you want to be. Every now and then, citizens end up in a different district and are not aware of it until election time – when it is too late to change. If you want to change voting districts, you may do so ONE TIME ONLY. Inside boundary residents must vote within the district where they reside. If you are not familiar with what voting district you are enrolled in, please call the Election Office to find out.

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:3



Throw depicting the history of Colbert County Alabama.

Cancer diagnosis brings challenges to families

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everybody,

I hope this finds you and your family well.

You know, none of us are exempt from life’s challenges. In July, my daughter, Shawna, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

After asking for and getting Shawna’s consent, our immediate family has decided to share this experience with our larger Chickasaw family. We are sharing in hopes that people who are people who are fighting their own battles with cancer glean some information or encouragement from Shawna’s personal experience, and our family experiences. There will be members of our Chickasaw family who will be diagnosed with cancer in the future. We are sharing for them, as well. Sadly, there are members of our Chickasaw family who did not survive cancer. We are sharing the experience in their honor and with respect for their family members. We are also sharing the experience to lift up the friends, family, healthcare workers, and others who help Shawna and us on this walk.

Like many of you, this in not our first encounter with cancer. In the early 60’s, we lost Wayne’s Grandpa Fipps to prostate cancer and in the early 70’s, we lost his Papa Case to lung cancer. in 1991, we were all caught off guard when Erin, our then 10-month-old granddaughter, was diagnosed with the childhood cancer, Neuroblastoma.

Erin survived and is a 22-year-old young adult who is working, loving and living life out loud and to the fullest.

As surprising as Erin’s diagnosis was, Shawna’s was almost equally as surprising. Erin had been ill for months before we finally got her diagnosed and treatment was started. Shawna found a lump in her left breast on a Monday night, saw her doctor the next day and was having the first surgery to remove the lump on Thursday.

This was like the beginning of a runaway train. Two surgeries were done in two weeks by a general surgeon and a third was scheduled for the next week before Shawna paused and considered our suggestions to seek a second opinion from a cancer specialist who would do tests like a PET scan and MRI before doing another surgery. At the time, we couldn’t understand her rationale for steaming ahead with surgeries. But, looking back and talking with her, we now understand that she thought she would just cut it out and be rid of it. It would all be over, fast.

Unfortunately, Shawna has two issues. She has ductal carcinoma and she has pre cancerous lobal cells that are dispersed within her breast like dandelion seeds blowing in the wind. Surgery would never get them all. So, Shawna has begun chemo therapy and there will be surgeries to come.

To date, Shawna has had two rounds of chemo. She is working through it. We have good days and bad.

For now we just thank everybody who has said and is saying prayers, sending cards, calling, offering help and just keeping track of her progress.

We’ll keep sharing as we travel this journey.

Respectfully,

Katie

Ukrainians find positives of our tribal government

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma, Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are having a wonderful year. We, in the Chickasaw Nation, are beginning our new year. The Oaths of Office for newly elected officials was October 1 and then again at our Annual Meeting on October 6. We are truly a blessed nation and have much for which to be thankful.

We recently met with delegates from the Ukraine, who were here visiting Oklahoma.

They were mostly lawyers, some law professors, but all found our tribal government very interesting. Some of them asked how we work together with the Oklahoma State government. I tried to explain to them, as best I could, that we are citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, but also citizens of the State of Oklahoma and the United States. Therefore, we had to follow all state and federal laws. I can see how it would be very confusing to someone living in a foreign country, especially one quite different from the United States.

We know that the state and federal governments are financed by the taxes paid by its citizens. We, as Chickasaw citizens, do not pay taxes to the Chickasaw Nation, therefore, we rely on our businesses to create the money to finance the tribal government and the many programs that we enjoy. Not only do our businesses provide financial support for our government and programs, but they also provide many jobs for our citizens, as well as many people who are not citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. The Ukrainian Delegates thought that providing jobs and providing services for our own people were the best parts of the tribal government. I agree with them.

During a time in our country when 23 million people are out of work, it's good to be able to say that the Chickasaw Nation is always hiring.

Happy Birthday to one of our treasured elders, Thelma "Chincie" Ross of Tuttle, Oklahoma, who celebrated her 95th with a motorcycle ride around town. Yea, Chincie! You go, Girl!

Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho,

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Thank you for the gift of your presence for Jess

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District.

As many of you know, our son Jess Green lost his struggle for life on September 8th after a two and a half year battle with endocrine carcinoma. His service was one of the largest ever held at the Chickasaw Community Center.

My sincere thanks to the Chickasaw Nation for the wonderful care Jess received at the Chickasaw Medical Center for 11 days. Our family also received excellent care from the loving staff while we were there. We especially want to thank Dr. Sally Berger and everyone that were specifically involved with us during that time. We have such dedicated and caring doctors and staff in our Health system.

May God bless each and everyone of you who called, sent cards or flowers and food. We are humbled by your outporing of love at this trying time in our lives.

I wish to recognize a wonderful Chickasaw elder this month - Morgan Wells. His grandparents settled a half mile from Bromide, Indian Territory, in a place Wells Valley. Morgan's grandfather donated land for the Wells Cemetery.

I sincerely enjoyed my visit with Morgan and his wife and they showed me many family pictures. One shows a team of mules at work plowing on their Indian allotment, the old house and a horse and buggy tied to a post. His grandfather and father taught Morgan how to grow speckled Indian corn. Morgan still has a green thumb and continues to grow a tomato patch each year and a little speckled corn.

Morgan enlisted in the U.S. Navy when he turned 18. He served on four ships and was there for several invasions during WWII. He is immensely proud of his service and was proud to visit the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. He is married with three grown children. Morgan retired from the state Highway Department after 35 years of service.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Morgan Wells

Haskell University annual reunion set for Oct. 26-28

The annual reunion of Haskell University alumni is set for October 26-28 in Tulsa.

All Haskell graduates are invited for a fun-filled weekend at the Park Inn Hotel at the Tulsa Airport. For reservations, call (918) 835-9911 or (800) 670-7275. The nearby Hilton Hotel also has rooms available for $78.33 per night. That hotel's number is (918) 838-1444.

Haskell University is an Indian college in Lawrence, Kan. Haskell graduates from all years are welcome to attend the reunion.

A Friday evening reception is $10 per person. Alumni and friends are encouraged to wear tribal dress if available. There will be two-stepping and round dancing. Bill Jones will honor our veterans, and the 50-year alumni of 1962 will be recognized.

The annual board meeting will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. A hospitality room will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Saturday dinner and dance is $35 per person and starts at 6 p.m. Sunday Gospel Hour begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Flo Tanner Spotted-Bear at (918) 948-2505; Loretta Burgess at (918) 633-7030; or Carmen McKosato Ketcher at (918) 333-7483.

Chickasaw-owned group receives SBA 8(a) designation

A Chickasaw-owned business has recently received an important designation from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Chickasaw Group, LLC is a provider of cabling, telecommunications and security services based in Charleston, S.C. The company has received an 8(a) certification from the SBA that designates the company as minority-owned. The 8(a) certification puts the company in position to benefit from government set-aside contracts.

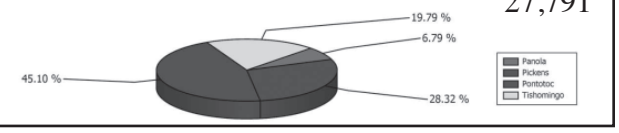
"Our company is ecstatic to receive this certification," company president and Chickasaw citizen Rachel Wyatt said. "We are now in a better position to help ensure our clients receive the best customer service and technology needs at the best price."

The company was founded in 2008. It provides turnkey solutions for voice, data, security and structured fiber and cabling. The company works with federal, state and local entities as well as private industry to provide state-of-the-art solutions regarding technology issues.

The company's website is www.thechickasawgroup.com

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,887	Pontotoc	12,534
Pickens	7,870	Tishomingo	5,500
			27,791



Annual celebration brings out over 200 elders at Cultural Center

Suzanne and Charlie Russell from the Ada Senior Center tour the Removal Area of the Chikasha Poya exhibit hall at the Chickasaw Cultural Center during Edlers' Day August 24.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw history lessons and celebrations of Chickasaw culture were on the agenda during Chickasaw Nation Elders' Day August 24 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Elders' Day is a day to honor our tribal elders. The event was hosted by the Division of History and Culture. More than 200 elders from throughout the Chickasaw Nation and beyond attended Elders' Day.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby attended the event. Several of the elders in attendance, Gov. Anoatubby said, were among those who had long dreamed of a place to celebrate Chickasaw culture.

"Chickasaw people have long dreamed of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, a special place to celebrate, embrace and share the culture and heritage which binds us together as a people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Thankfully, that dream is now a reality with a center which reflects the vision, imagination, resilience and spirit of the Chickasaw people. We are forever grateful to all of our elders whose imagination sparked the idea of this center and their determination and hard work that made it a reality."

Elders were treated to tours of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, a lesson on the ancient clan system, a stomp dance, cultural demonstrations and lunch.

June Lekae visited the Cultural Center for the first time during Elders' Day and loved what she saw during a quick tour of the exhibit hall.

"It's breathtaking," said the Sherman, Texas resident. "I am just scratching the surface."

Mrs. Lekae said she planned to return with a few of her friends and spend the entire day exploring the 109-acre campus.

Yvonne Harper came with her friends from the Madill Senior Site.

She said she looked forward to Elders' Day celebrations for the fellowship with friends.

"I especially like to hear the stories the elders tell," she said.

Bill Bomboy, also from Madill, thoroughly enjoys each Elders' Day he attends.

"I think it is wonderful," he said as he entered the Chikasha Poya exhibit hall. "They do a fantastic job of taking care of the elders here and any place we go in the Chickasaw Nation. I love it. People are friendly and nice and I see friends I haven't seen in many years."

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Mary Lou and Bob Nichols, Pauls Valley, browse the Chickasaw Cultural Center gift shop during Elders' Day August 24. Marcy Gray

June Leake, of Howe, Texas, enjoys Elder's Day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center with Eddie Postoak, Cultural Resources director.

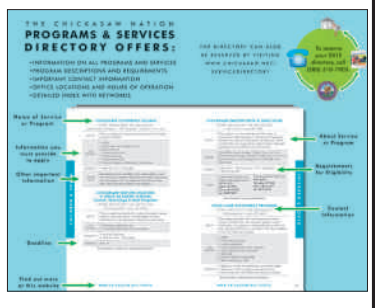
Call or email today for your directories!

2012 Programs and Services and Services at-Large Directories

The 2012 Chickasaw Nation programs and services directories contain information about all tribal programs and services.

Inside the directory, you will find program descriptions and requirements, contact information, office locations and hours of operation.

Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Copies are available now by calling (580) 310-7903 or by visiting www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory.



Cultural Center Fall Fest Oct. 20

SULPHUR, Okla. - Traditional food, games and fun will be featured during the second annual Fall Fest set for 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Several fun-filled events are scheduled in the Center's Traditional Village, which features scale representations of Chickasaw homes and other buildings from Southeastern homelands.

Traditional Chickasaw foods including roasted corn, corn pudding, blackberry cobbler, fry bread, grape dumplings and more will be available throughout the day.

A pashofa cook-off will also be featured. Pashofa is a traditional Chickasaw dish, consisting of corn and pork.

Other festivities include a pumpkin patch, storytelling, stomp dancing demonstration plus Chickasaw language and horticulture booths.

In addition, a Chickasaw author will be on-hand for book signings.

Several other events are planned for the upcoming months at the Cultural Center, including Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur. For more information, please visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

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Canine pals provide comfort in stressful situations

'Therapy dog' joins Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team

Search and Rescue Coordinator Kelly Logan with Odie and Eera.

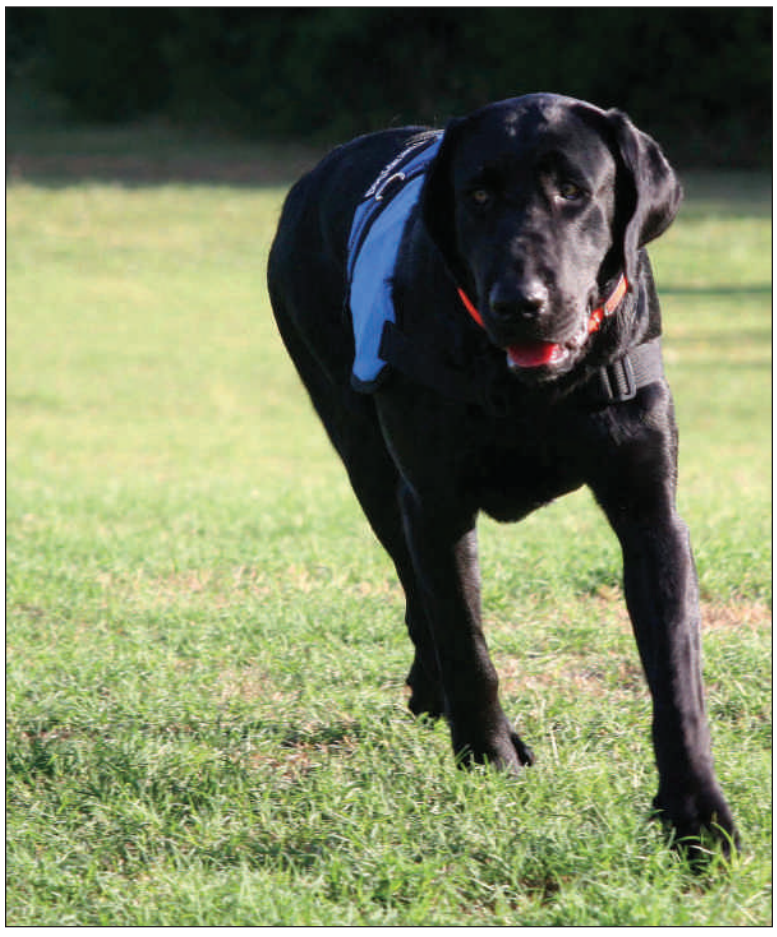
ADA, Okla. - Man's best friend has a new home at the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team recently greeted a new team member, Odie. Odie is a certified therapy dog. As a therapy dog, Odie's primary duties include comforting injured victims and relief workers, as well as being involved in various community outreach programs.

During disasters and significant emergency situations, relief workers often work under stressful conditions and can suffer from both mental and physical fatigue. Therapy dogs are trained to help relax victims and emergency personnel and take their minds off the pain and suffering around them.

"When I first worked with therapy dogs I was skeptical," said Kenneth Bentley, lead disaster services coordinator for the central and western Oklahoma region of the American Red Cross. "After having worked with the dogs, I believe they are important. They provide a needed distraction, both for victims and emergency personnel. I find myself going to them when I need to reset my mind."

A Chickasaw citizen donated the then two-year-old Odie, a Black Labrador/Great Dane mix. His blood lines make great working dogs, as both have pleasant dispositions, are patient, crave human leadership and are eager to please.



Odie, The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue therapy dog, enjoying an early morning workout.

Odie completed his testing as a certified therapy dog in early 2012. He is currently working towards a certification in disaster stress relief therapy. He has received obedience training and has been taught service skills that include opening doors and retrieving items such as bags and water while in the field. Due to the hazardous areas in a disaster situation, Odie has also had environmental exposure training to keep him calm and safe in dangerous situations.

Search and Rescue Coordinator Kelly Logan handles Odie while in the field.

"Handling Odie requires a lot of patience," Ms. Logan said. "I have to be attentive to both his and others' body language. To care and work with animals requires a passion. Most of my down time is spent researching and training with Odie."

As a certified therapy dog, Odie is used for more than Search and Rescue missions. Currently, Odie is also working with the CARE Cottage Child Advocacy Center, in Ada, assisting with child abuse interviews. In the future, Odie may help emotional children during difficult court testimonies.

"From the first day Odie walked into our offices, we knew he would help some of our children feel comforted and put them at ease to trust us on the road to their healing," CARE Cottage Child Advocacy Center executive director Gwen Gjovig said. "Just by his presence, when the children arrive, it helps these abused children feel at ease in what is a difficult situation. Our staff and team of investigators have a definite need for Odie to continue his service to CARE Cottage."

For additional information on the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team or to schedule a visit with Odie, contact Kelly Logan at (580) 399-9776.

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Chickasaw youth sample campus life at OU Kids Day

Former University of Oklahoma and NFL running back Joe Washington emphasizes the importance hard work as he addresses a group of young Chickasaws at Chickasaw Nation OU Kids Day.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby greets Chickasaw students in the Chickasaw tent during Chickasaw Nation OU Kids Day Sept. 8 in Norman.

ADA, Okla. – A total of 67 Chickasaw students were in attendance Sept. 8 to watch the University of Oklahoma Sooners beat Florida A&M, 69-13, during OU Chickasaw Kids Day.

"Everyone had a great time and lasting memories were made," said Tonya Bierce, Chickasaw Nation Camps and Recreation Coordinator. "It was especially good for our teenagers because they're often the most difficult age group to reach."

Governor Bill Anoatubby joined the kids for a special pregame spread catered by legendary Head Country Barbecue at the Duck Pond just outside Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

After an invocation led by 14-year-old Matthew Hilinski, students enjoyed ribs, brisket, hot links, potato salad and other cookout favorites.

Students enjoyed a live ESPN feed in the Chickasaw Nation tent, tossed the pigskin and ran a few plays. The kids were joined by Sooner All-American, College Hall of Famer and former National Football League running back Joe Washington.

Mr. Washington, who played for OU from 1972-75, shared personal stories of his childhood with the Chickasaw kids. He stressed the importance of hard work, getting along with others and recognizing peer pressure.

"From now until the day you die, you will experience peer pressure," Mr. Washington said. "It exists and it happens to all of us."

Mr. Washington reminded the young Chickasaws that despite the inevitability of peer pressure, one always had a choice.

"When you're doing something wrong, you usually know it's wrong," Mr. Washington said. "Make an effort to hang out with people who are positive influences."

During a question-and-answer session, seven-year-old Ashton Bierce asked Mr. Washington what it was like to be tackled.

"It feels like a train running into a bus stopped on the tracks," Mr. Washington responded with a chuckle.

At halftime, Gov. Anoatubby took to the field for a plaque presentation in commemoration of OU Chickasaw Day.

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Early childhood specialists hone skills at ECU conference

Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center employees reflect on the spirited, interactive presentation by keynote speaker Sharron Krull at the Ninth Annual Child Care Conference. Pictured at left from front are Diana McGee, Alice Everette, Amanda Browning and Schyler Prince. At right from front are Brenda Johnson, Evette Yahola, Joe Wallace and Brittany Alexander.

ADA, Okla. – Child care providers and early childhood educators gathered at East Central University Sept. 15 for the Chickasaw Nation's 9th Annual Child Care Conference.

A total of 173 providers and educators attended the conference.

"Every year we strive to provide teachers with sessions to help them gain knowledge for the classroom," Michelle Key, Chickasaw Nation Director of Child Care, said. "We hope to provide speakers that inspire and improve their overall practice."

Conference breakout sessions focused on the conference's theme, "Join the Race to Healthier Child Care."

Sharron Krull, a 38-year teaching veteran and early childhood educator, delivered the keynote address.

The group of educators sang, danced and played their way through the "Celebrate Children, Rediscover the Child in You" learning adventure.

"I thought it was great," Diana McGee of the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, said of Ms. Krull's presentation. "She is so motivated and enthusiastic!"

The Conference provided educators with up to six hours of Tier 1 training. It was also open to anyone involved in the development or upbringing of a child, including child care providers, parents and grandparents.

"We believe working with children is one of the most important jobs," said Mrs. Key. "Research has shown that a child's brain is 80 percent developed before he or she reaches age three, and 90 percent by age five."

Breakout sessions included; "Giggles and Wiggles," "Little Busy Bodies," "Get Your Motor Running," Healthy Snacks," "Meal Planning," and more.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation's Annual Child Care Conference call (580) 421-7711.

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Cobell settlement payments delayed by class appeals

While a $3.4 billion settlement to the *Cobell v. Salazar* class action litigation was approved in 2009, payments to members of the class have not yet begun due to appeals taken by four class members and their attorneys.

Carol Eve Good Bear, a Fort Berthold Reservation citizen; Charles Colombe, a Rosebud Sioux citizen; Mary Lee Johns, a Cheyenne River Sioux citizen; and Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate citizen Kimberly Craven have filed appeals claiming the settlement violates class action law.

On May 22 of this year, two separate three-judge panels of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit concluded the settlement was fair and they affirmed unanimously the district court's order granting final approval of the Cobell settlement, according to a letter posted on www.indiantrust.com.

That ruling is being appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. No payments may be made under the settlement until those appeals are exhausted or withdrawn.

On Dec. 8, 2009, American Indian plaintiffs and the U.S. Department of Interior announced a settlement to the long running class action case concerning federal mismanagement of more than 300,000 individual Indian trust accounts by the U.S. Government.

Under the terms of the settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, the federal government will create a $1.4 billion Trust Accounting and Administration Fund and a $2 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund.

This Settlement is believed to be the largest ever against the federal government and dwarfs the combined value of all judgments and Settlements of all previous Indian cases.

The settlement in the *Cobell v. Salazar* case involves federal trust responsibilities and financial management regarding lands allotted to individual Indians.

This is not a federal trust settlement with the Chickasaw Nation or other tribes with claims regarding tribal trust assets.

Only individual Native Americans with established Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts or other assets managed by the federal trust are eligible for any funds under the Cobell settlement.

Most individual Indian beneficiaries are included in both Classes and will receive no less than $1,500 in a number of separate distributions. Each member of the Historical Accounting Class will initially be paid $1,000 after Final Approval of the Settlement.

Members of the Trust Administration Class will get at least $500 and then a percentage of the remaining Fund based on the number of individuals sharing in the Fund.

The Settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of individual Indian lands, mostly in the West.

The Settlement provides a $1.5 billion fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual Indian trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or own trust land. The Settlement creates two groups of Class Members eligible to receive money from the fund—the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class.

Under the Settlement Agreement, $1.9 billion will fund a Department of the Interior program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation.

Individuals who believe they should be part of the Settlement but do not receive a notice in the mail or are not receiving IIM account statements need to fill out a Claim Form as soon as possible.

The website www.IndianTrust.com and toll-free number 1-800-961-6109 are available to provide more information about the Settlement and the legal rights of Class Members. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in the Settlement should visit the website or call the toll-free number for more information.

Ukranian visitors

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, welcomes Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Noma D. Gurich, fourth from right, and a delegation of Ukrainian legal professors during a Sept. 21 group tour of headquarters in Ada, Okla. From left, Serhiy Vykhryst, NataliyaYanyuk, Nataliya Hutorova, Mykola Hnatovskyy, Gov. Anoatubby, Justice Gurich, Viktoriya Kopchak, Oleksiy Avramenko, and DG Smalling. The delegation made a stop in Ada and the Chickasaw Cultural Center during a week-long visit to Oklahoma. The group also toured Oklahoma City University School of Law, the University of Oklahoma School of Law, the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the State Court of Criminal Appeals. Marcy Gray

Saltcreek job fairs at Chickasha

CHICKASHA, Okla. - Job fairs associated with the upcoming completion of the Chickasaw Nation's new Saltcreek Casino at Pocasset, Okla., are set for October. Approximately 150 new positions will be open.

Jobs will include security officers, gift shop clerks, dealers, marketing personnel, food servers, housekeeping staff and more.

The job fairs are set for 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. October 3, 4, 9 and 10. The fairs will be at the Grady County Fairgrounds, 500 E. Choctaw Ave., Chickasha.

Applicants must be at least 18. Applicants are encouraged to bring along photo IDs.

Preparation for computer-based and pre-employment testing are encouraged.

‘Shoot of the Nations’ cornstalk competition October 20

From left, Tim Cornelius with bow makers Glen Leming and Wayne Scribner participate in a shoot sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation will host a cornstalk shooting competition “Shoot of the Nations” at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20. The competition will take place at Kullihoma, with team members from many tribes in attendance.

Cornstalk shooting is a traditional Native American sport. Southeastern tribal archers compete using custom, handmade bows and arrows. The archers shoot at two targets made of cornstalks at opposite ends of a field.

Shoot of the Nations gathers Native Americans from across Oklahoma who share similar cultures and history. Many tribes within Oklahoma have organized teams. These teams generally share not only the sport, but the cultural aspect of making bows, traditional regalia and other traditions.

“It is important that we continue cornstalk shooting because it brings interest in an ancient game,” Chickasaw shooter Tim Cornelius said. “Cornstalk shooting helps the Chickasaw people identify a link to our culture as a people.”

Shooter Carmon Jones agrees.

“I shot at the Shoot of the Nations last year when the Creeks held it,” Mrs. Jones said. “There were shooters from many different tribes. I spent a lot of time talking with Gary Ashmore, a Cherokee arrow maker who makes some of the best arrow tips in the state.”

Archers score points based on the number of cornstalks pierced per arrow. The targets range from 50 to 125 yards from the archers. Targets are made from cornstalks, typically three feet in length, stacked three feet tall and are approximately 12 inches deep. Each shooter has two arrows per round. The competitors continue shooting at each of the targets until a shooter has penetrated 50 stalks and is declared the winner.

“Sometimes matches last for hours,” Mrs. Jones said. “The first person to pierce 50 stalks wins. Due to the range of the targets and wind conditions, this can take some time and is great exercise as you walk between rounds.”

At the Shoot of the Nations, two divisions compete. Divisions include age 12 and under archers, and age 13 and older archers. An adult prize shoot takes place after competition.

Trophies are awarded for first, second and third places in the children’s division, with a first place award given in the adult division. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the adult prize shoot.

Traditional shooting standards and rules apply to the competition. This standard allows the use of store-bought bow strings, arm guards, finger tabs and other related equipment. Bows must be hand-made using traditional Native American methods.

“Cornstalk shooting has been revitalized over the last few years to increase the interest in traditional bow making,” Chickasaw bow maker and archer Wayne Scribner said. “There is a camaraderie involved with the sport and its history, both between Chickasaw tribal members and those of other nations.”

The Chickasaw Nation currently has approximately 50 shooters who practice the sport. Cornstalk practice is every Tuesday evening, weather permitting, on the field next to 111 Rosedale Road, in Ada.

“On a typical Tuesday night practice, we have 25 to 50 shooters practicing,” Mr. Cornelius said. “At the Creek Shoot of the Nations last year, around 75 people attended. We expect a higher turnout based on our number shooters alone.”

For more information, contact Tim Cornelius at (580) 272-3695.

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Health, education investment reaching record highs

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor’s and lt. governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $14.7 million for the month and $154.8 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $10.6 million for the month and $98.8 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through August totaled $1.031 billion. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $268.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $127.1 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2012, the tribal government funds had $188.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $20.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $165.1 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2012, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.458 billion compared to $1.427 billion at June 30, 2012 or an increase of $31 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	13,583,758	1,031,497,748	1,045,081,506
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	141,251,773	(141,251,773)	-
Total funds available	154,835,531	890,245,975	1,045,081,506
Expenditures			
General government	10,880,073		10,880,073
Legislature	2,265,864		2,265,864
Judiciary	951,357		951,357
Education	20,824,016		20,824,016
Heritage Preservation	13,102,827		13,102,827
Health	19,508,444		19,508,444
Youth and Family Services	9,600,838		9,600,838
Nutrition Programs	5,221,350		5,221,350
Regulatory	6,788,311		6,788,311
Assistance Programs	9,655,950		9,655,950
Gaming expense		557,613,083	557,613,083
Other businesses' expense		205,489,081	205,489,081
Total expenditures	98,799,030	763,102,164	861,901,194
Increase in net assets	56,036,501	127,143,811	183,180,312
Beginning net assets	595,076,108	680,428,193	1,275,504,301
Ending net assets	651,112,609	807,572,004	1,458,684,613

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
August 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	188,969,392	165,083,559	354,052,951
Receivables	35,661,249	47,798,456	83,459,705
Inventory	83,135	7,548,924	7,632,059
Prepaid expenses		17,250,803	17,250,803
Other Assets		2,455,599	2,455,599
Fixed assets	427,880,778	681,450,426	1,109,331,204
Less payables	(1,481,945)	(114,015,762)	(115,497,707)
Net Assets	651,112,609	807,572,004	1,458,684,613

'State of the Nation' on web, KCNP

Chickasaws celebrate 'Spirit of a Nation' during Annual Meeting, Festival

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - "Spirit of a Nation" is the theme for this year's 52nd Annual Meeting and 24th Annual Chickasaw Festival.

Chickasaws and friends from across the U.S. are now gathered in southern Oklahoma to celebrate the "Spirit of a Nation" Sept. 28 through Oct. 6.

"For generations, Chickasaws in every walk of life have demonstrated a spirit of community, creativity and determination," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This year we will join with family and friends for a special celebration of arts and culture honoring the Chickasaw spirit."

This year marks the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 24th Chickasaw Festival.

Numerous events are planned for the week-long celebration of Chickasaw heritage, culture and tradition.

Activities will take place in Tishomingo, Emet, Kullihoma, Ada and Sulphur, Okla.

The Annual Meeting, highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby's "State of the Nation" Address, begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Immediately following the address, the Festival Parade will begin down Main Street in Tishomingo.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout Tishomingo October 6, at the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

These events are the culmination of a weeklong celebration which begins Friday, Sept. 28

A traditional Stomp Dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday, Sept. 28 at Kullihoma opens the festivities. Kullihoma is about seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1. Turn south at the Kullihoma sign.

Several events are planned Saturday, Sept. 29, including a traditional corn stalk shoot, a golf tournament, Junior Olympics, Senior Olympics and a co-ed softball tournament.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be at 6 p.m., Oct. 1 in Ada.

This year, the Arts and Culture Awards will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, The awards are in conjunction with Cultural Evening, which begins at 4 p.m.

Cultural tours for area schools in Tishomingo; tours of the Chickasaw White House and Chickasaw Cultural Center will be available Tuesday through Friday.

For more information, including a schedule of events and vendor applications, visit www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting or call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

The event schedule is subject to change. Please visit often for the latest event updates.

Annual Meeting available via live web cast October 6

Chickasaw citizens and friends around the world can view the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and State of the Nation live via the web this year.

The 52nd Annual Meeting, "Spirit of a Nation," will be broadcast from Tishomingo on both the web and the airwaves live beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6.

A live web cast can be accessed by logging on to www.chickasaw.net and clicking on the State of the Nation web stream link.

An audio broadcast can be accessed at www.kcnpradio.org.

In the Ada, Okla., area, Annual Meeting can be heard on KCNP 89.5 FM.

The Annual Meeting is called to order at 9 a.m. Central Daylight Time, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain, 7 a.m. Pacific.

Unveiling of Larsen's 'Arrival' at Cultural Evening

SULPHUR, Okla. - The unveiling of "The Arrival," a Mike Larsen sculpture, will highlight the annual Chickasaw Nation Cultural Evening, Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Chickasaw tradition, textiles and talent will also be featured in a variety of activities planned from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Traditional food, stickball, stomp dance and crafts are planned for the annual event, which is open to the public.

"Cultural Evening is a great opportunity for Chickasaws to embrace and celebrate the culture and heritage which binds us together as a people," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It also provides a great opportunity to share our history and traditions with our friends."

"The Arrival" is a massive bronze sculpture by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen. The work will be dedicated at 5 p.m.

The sculpture will be located on a hill overlooking the Amphitheater.

Children's activities and cultural demonstrations begin at 4 p.m. in the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village including bow making, beading and other traditional crafts.

Opening ceremony is set for 5 p.m. at the Kochcha' Aabinili' Amphitheater with a welcome, prayer, posting of colors and dedication of "The Arrival."

The traditional evening meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Traditional Village.

Arts and Cultural Awards Ceremony

The Arts and Cultural Awards Ceremony will be conducted from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Aaittafama Room.

Among the awards presented at the annual ceremony are the Southeastern Art Show and Market art awards, the Chickasaw Historical Society Service awards, the Chickasaw Historical Society "Holissochi" essay award, the Heritage Preservation Research Awards, Silver Feather Award and the Dynamic Woman of the Year.

A reception will follow in the Holisso Center immediately following the awards ceremony.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules for the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival are available online at www.chickasaw.net/annual meeting or by contacting the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

For more information about the Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

Young Chickasaw ladies vie for crowns during Princess Pageant Oct. 1 in Ada

ADA, Okla. – Three young Chickasaw women will be crowned 2012-2013 Chickasaw royalty during the upcoming Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

The pageant will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Contestants will vie for one of three titles. Chickasaw Princess candidates are 17 to 25 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess candidates are ages 12 to 16; and Little Miss Chickasaw candidates are 7 to 11 years of age.

Chickasaw Princess candidates this year are Fichik Hita (Dancing Star) Frazier, 19, of Ada; Hagen Faith LeFors, 24, of Ada; and Autumn Michelle Underwood, 18, of Ada.

Chickasaw Junior Princess candidates are Taylor Nicole Robertson, 14, of Ada; Kacie Cheyenne Seeley, 14, of Ada; Caitlynn Marie Sparlin, 13, of Tishomingo; Krysten Rachelle Wallace, 14, of Ada; and Chelsea Lynn Wedlow, 13, of Allen.

Little Miss Chickasaw candidates are Lauren Paige Key, 8, of Francis; Cydnee Rese Miller, 8, of Ada; and Payton Elise Robertson, 8, of Ada.

During the pageant young ladies will be judged on traditional Chickasaw dress, poise and random question. There is also a talent portion of the competition. Past candidate talents have included singing, stomp dancing and storytelling.

The newly- crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of serving as Chickasaw ambassadors at various functions and events across several states.

"Crowning the new Chickasaw princesses is always a time of strong emotions as the current princesses pass the torch to the newly crowned royalty," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Our Chickasaw Princesses serve as bearers of culture and goodwill ambassadors for the Chickasaw people."

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry was appointed the first princess.

Chickasaw royalty who will complete their reigns Oct. 1 are Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker; Chickasaw Jr. Princess Raechell Meely; and Little Miss Chickasaw Keilyn Factor.

These young ladies will be honored during the pageant for their year of service.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, call (580) 272-5508.

New royalty to be crowned during October 1 Princess Pageant in Ada

Chickasaw Royalty Nacobi Walker, Raechell Meely, Ke-Ke Factor bid farewell

Nacobi Walker
2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess

Chokma! Hello my name is Nacobi Chantau Walker and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess. This year has gone by so quickly. I've met numerous people and also made many friendships. It's been a busy yet fun year, and I'm blessed to have experienced everything with KeKe, Raechell, Mary and Phyllis.

There are so many people I want to thank. Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and Jay Keel: thank you for giving all Chickasaw girls the experience to run for Princess. This program really helps further our knowledge of our Chickasaw people. And as Governor said "once a princess, always a princess!" Mom doesn't ever let me forget that saying!

Mary and Phyllis, thank you for always being there to help us get ready, take us where we need to go, and fix our necklaces as soon as they broke. You both have been a very important part of my life for a while now and I will never forget either one of you. Thanks for being like my sisters.

Nancy Deere, thank you for being a great role model and best friend, and thank you very much for giving me a pin off your sash. That was one of the sweetest things I have ever had someone do for me and I really appreciate it. Please look after the new princesses for us! I sure will miss you, Ashland and Leah.

Little Miss Keke, you have taught me so much about Hello Kitty and how to have fun and be a kid again. You sure brighten my day whenever I'm feeling sad. I love listening to all your stories. You are a very smart girl and have grown up so much! There's never a dull moment around you. You sure know how to work the crowd. I'm glad you got to be my little miss and I will miss you so much!

Raechell, or should I say Rashell, I'm going to miss you so much! I'm glad we became best friends. I know if I ever needed to talk you were there for me as I was for you. You've grown into such a wonderful young lady and I'm glad I got to spend this time with you.

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. You have made me the person I am today. Thank you for always supporting me and allowing me to live out my dreams and always being there for me whenever I needed you. I can not thank you enough for being my parents. I love you both very much!

Alexis and Dylan, you are the best sister and brother I could ever ask for. Thank you for coming to the events that you could. You both make me proud every day and I love you guys so much!

Codie, Teresa, Glenn and Katie, thank you for being my second family. You care for me as if I was one of your own and I am very grateful for that. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Becca, Hagen and Courtney, thank you for working with me on my schedule. I know it's been a busy year and I just thank you all for being so understanding and for showing me the ropes at my new job. You have made me feel welcomed and appreciated.

To all my friends and family, thank you for your support throughout the years. You have been a part of my journey and will continue to be a big part of my life!

Once again I would like to Thank everyone in the Chickasaw Nation for letting me be your 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess. I hope I made everyone proud. This is my last year to be your princess and I was honored to serve. To the new princesses, be proud of who you are and be prepared to work hard and represent this great Nation. Choma'shki

2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess

Nacobi Chantau Walker

Raechell Meely
2012-2013 Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chukma! Hello my name is Raechell Meely and I am your 2011-2012 Chickasaw Junior Princess. It has been and honor and privilege to be where I stand today. I couldn't have done it without everyone's help and encouragement.

I've gotten to go to so many places and meet so many different people. All the Native American Royalty were all so sweet and nice. Some became very good friends to us, like the Muscogee Creek past royalty, Leah Scott and Nancy Deere, or the Seminole royalty, my friend Faith Lina. I remember the first few times I met her, I thought Faithlina was her first name, so I kept wondering what her last name was. Eventually I realized I was wrong. Now I call her by name correctly.

One of my many blessings is having Ke-Ke Factor as my Little Miss Chickasaw. She's been like a little sister to me from the start. We've had a lot of good times. You're growing into a very beautiful and smart young lady with a very big sense of humor. Remember the time I needed you to get me out of an awkward situation. We were at a pool and a few guys walked up to me that were being pretty odd. I mentioned a plan for you to pull me a way and into the water. You used hand signals, right in front of everyone to see. I think even they noticed what you were doing and saying, that plan didn't go so well.

My Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker has grown on me as an older sister and a role model. You've helped me when I needed it and were always there for a laugh. Remember that night when we were at the Choctaw Nation Princess Pageant, we were supposed to go to the bathroom, so we did? However, right after we ran down a hill straight for the teeter totters, talking about how Mary would laugh at us and so would anyone else if they saw us.

Mary you have been like a mom to us. You always made sure we were okay, well rested and fed. You were there to talk to when the others were asleep. I'm going to miss how you would always call us silly, goofy, or funny girls. I remember when we all went to Washington, D.C. after the plane landed and we were driving to the city, we all laughed at you because you were so fascinated by the trees and landscape rather than anything else.

I would like to thank my Dad, Mitchell Mealy and my Mom, Paula Thomas for making sure I got almost everywhere I needed to be. I would also like to thank Lori Barrett, Frances Barrett, and my grandmother, Willerene for helping me when I needed it. Also, Sierra Preston, Blake Scott, and again Lori Barrett, for being there when I needed to talk or just relax for a day. To everyone I did not mention please, know your love and help did not go unnoticed.

To all of my princess family thank you for all being there, we all amused each other, we all had some funny moments, we all laughed and we all cried knowing that this has to end. From the first event we were already best friends, by the fifth we were already starting to be something of a family.

This year has passed by very quickly, and we've had a lot of great times and made a lot of memories. We had our bad and good days and our great days. I'm sad to be passing on my crown, but am very grateful to know I'll pass it on to a new very beautiful young lady who deserves it. I know she'll enjoy it just as much as I did and all that comes with it.

This is my last time to say this as a princess so Have a great Year and God bless you all!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity, and honor of being your Chickasaw Junior Princess.

Sincerely,

Chickasaw Junior Princess 2011-2012

Raechell Meely

Ke-Ke Factor
2012-2013 Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma from your 2011-2012 Little Miss Chickasaw Ke-Ke Factor! It is time for me to say my farewell as Little Miss Chickasaw and I am full of mixed emotions.

Although I congratulate our new Princesses, I am sad to end my reign because I have had the time of my life this past year. Being Little Miss Chickasaw has been a fun and exciting time for me. I will always hold these memories dear in my heart.

I have had the honor as serving as an Ambassador for the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chikasha Nation and I wore the crown with pride. I attended many events and made many new friends. I enjoyed every minute of being Princess.

In 2010, I competed for Little Miss Chickasaw and won 1st runner-up. At first, I was up-

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Culture administrator Dr. Cobb-Greetham to OSU professorship

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham is making a transition from her work as administrator of the Division of History and Culture back to life as a university professor. Dr. Cobb-Greetham has begun service as a tenured Associate Professor of English at Oklahoma State University, specializing in Native American Studies.

She will continue in her role as editor of the Chickasaw Press. She will also continue to research and write about the Chickasaw Nation and curate museum exhibits.

"Serving as the administrator of History and Culture under Governor Anoatubby's leadership has been amazing," Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. "I am grateful for every day of the experience and for all of the people with whom I have worked. However, I started my career as a professor and feel a deep need to teach and write - about Chickasaw history and culture. I am excited to begin a new chapter of service to the Chickasaw people."

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Dr. Cobb-Greetham would continue to be an asset to the Chickasaw Nation.

"Amanda has done an excellent job as administrator of the Division of History and Culture," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We appreciate her important role in advancing our efforts to preserve and revitalize Chickasaw history and culture."

Dr. Cobb-Greetham served as administrator of the Division of History and Culture from 2007 to 2012. She helped launch the state-of-the-art Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., which recently received a state tourism award.

She also directed the Chickasaw Nation's museums, libraries and archives, language programs, and the Chickasaw Press, the first tribal publishing house of its kind. The Chickasaw Press received the Harvard Award for Excellence in Tribal Self-Governance and two Oklahoma Book Awards during her tenure.

She is the editor of one of the foremost peer-reviewed journals in Native American Studies, *American Indian Quarterly*.

Dr. Cobb-Greetham is the author of *Listening to Our Grandmothers' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females,* 1852-1949 (2000). The book was a winner of the American Book Award and the North American Indian Prose Award. Dr. Cobb-Greetham, with Jeannie Barbour and Linda Hogan, authored *Chickasaws: Unconquered and Unconquerable* (2006), the first book published by the Chickasaw Press.

She has also co-edited a collection of essays with Amy Lonetree titled *The National Museum of the American Indian: Critical Conversations*, released by the University of Nebraska Press in 2008.

After receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1997, she served as an Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University, then as a tenured Associate Professor at the University of New Mexico. As a professor specializing in Native American Studies, she founded and served as the first director of the Institute for American Indian Research.

Her current research examines the state of Oklahoma's American Indian identity as it is manifested in popular culture, including commemorations, sculpture, performances, and museums beginning with the famous "marriage" of Miss Indian Territory to Mr. Oklahoma Territory on the steps of the Capitol at the time of statehood.

She has published articles in such peer-reviewed journals as *American Quarterly*, *American Studies*, *Studies in American Indian Literature,* and *American Indian Quarterly.*

Dr. Cobb-Greetham participated in the Americans for Indian Opportunity Ambassador's Program and is now a member of AIO's board. She also serves on the board of the American Association of Tribal Libraries and Museums, and the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

KE-KE FACTOR

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set but then I decided I would run until I won the title. So to all the young ladies tonight, if you are not chosen as Princess, please don't give up. Being Princess is worth competing again and again!

Many people encouraged me when I was running for Princess but four elders stand out in my heart: My Pokni Burris, Uncle Vernon Factor, my Granny Geraldine Greenwood and Ms. Lillian Marie Miller. Uncle Vernon and Ms. Miller both blessed me before the pageant and said I would win; Pokni and Grannys' spirits were with me the night I won. Although my Pokni and Uncle have since passed, I will always remember how proud they were.

I give thanks and praise to God my Abinilli ("Creator") for allowing me this chance to be Princess; with Him all things are possible. I also thank Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel for their support of the Princess program and to Jay Keel and Ms. Phyllis for all their time to make sure we Princesses were taken care of.

To Ms. Mary, you have become my second mom and you are one of the sweetest people I know. Thank you for babying and calming me when I was anxious about our plane flights. And I will keep our secrets to myself!! To Raechell, thank you for hanging out with me and we had some serious bonding time ;)!! I also got you out of some sticky situations… remember Albuquerque?!! To Nacobi, my role model…from our first event you were looking after me and tying my moccasins for me and loaning me necklaces when I accidently broke mine (several times!) Also thanks for the times you picked me up to go to our events. Right away we all became close friends and now we are the 2011-2012 Princess Family. I love you three and will always remember our times together. They were all great times!

Thank you to my Aunt Goddess for making my pageant dress, to Toni Leader for my collar and to Pakanli Ramsey for the moccasins. To my family, I love you and thank you for being supportive of me during my reign. To my sister, Faithlyn (All Nations Princess), it's been fun being a Princess with you and sharing pow-wow experiences together. Dad, I know that you are proud of me. Mom, thank you for making sure I had everything I needed for my appearances and that my dress and apron was always pressed.

Everyone has been so kind to me and I thank you all. Congratulations to our new Royalty, you are in for an exciting year.

Chi Pisa La Cho ("I will see you again")…until then I will always be your 2011-2012 Little Miss Chickasaw! Yakoke for a great year!

Ke-Ke Factor

ChickasawKids.com has been updated!
Visit ChickasawKids.com and explore Chickasaw history, traditions and culture.
ChickasawKids.com features games, activities, recipes and printable coloring sheets.
The website serves as a teaching tool for Chickasaw youth.
Don't forget to visit www.chickasawkids.com
Chickasaw KIDS

Imotichey recognized as emerging Indian leader

Jessica Imotichey

Chickasaw citizen Jessica Imotichey has recently been selected to receive a "Native American 40 Under 40" award.

The award recognizes emerging young Indian leaders who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication to significant contributions in business, communities, and Indian Country.

The award is presented by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

Ms. Imotichey will receive the award during the Reservation Economic Summit Oklahoma, Nov. 15 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa.

Ms. Imotichey works as a senior policy analyst for the Chickasaw Nation in Washington, D.C. She has also been named to TheHill.com's ninth annual "50 Most Beautiful" list, which highlights people working in and around U.S. government.

Ms. Imotichey is the daughter of Paul and Carol Imotichey. Her grandparents are Jonas and Josie Imotichey, Clarice Cheadle and Doyle Loper. Her family is from the Tishomingo and Fillmore, Oklahoma areas.

Chickasaw commissioner honored as top Emergency Management official

From left, Trent Myers; Chad Letellier Pontotoc (OK) Emergency Management director; Gary Starns, Pontotoc County District 1 Commissioner; and Paula Cain.

A Chickasaw man who serves as a county commissioner has recently been honored by the Emergency Management Association.

Gary Starns serves as District 1 commissioner for Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Commissioner Starns was named Oklahoma emergency Management Association Public Official of the Year for 2012. The announcement was made at the annual Emergency Management Banquet on Aug. 22.

The award is presented annually to an elected or appointed city or county official who has provided outstanding support to the emergency management program in his jurisdiction. Commissioner Starns was nominated by Pontotoc Emergency Management director Chad Letellier.

"I nominated Gary basically because of his support of the EMA program and his support of the firefighters," Mr. Letellier said. "He has been instrumental in allowing emergency management to determine its needs. We now have a lot of important information technology in our office that we never had before."

World visitors gather at Chickasaw Cultural Center for indigenous films

SULPHUR, Okla. – Hundreds of movie buffs from around the world gathered at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Sept. 6-8 to participate in the Sundance Institute: Film Forward Advancing Cultural Dialogue.

More than 950 visitors participated in the two-day event.

A variety of films were screened during the two-day event. Films ran the gamut from a documentary about a horse training expert, "Buck," to a musical set in 1969, "Bran Nue Dae."

An international film event, Film Forward is a touring film program that creates to dialogue and cross-cultural understanding.

Center one venue

The Chickasaw Cultural Center was just one of the touring program's stops. Other locales included India, Colombia, China, Morocco, California and Mexico.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the collaboration with Sundance Institute and Film Forward is "incredibly valuable" to American Indians and independent filmmakers. "It is vitally important that filmmakers with a unique cultural perspective have the training, tools and experience necessary to bring their history, culture and heritage to the screen in a meaningful way," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We are very pleased to be part of this important event."

Visit from Australia

"Bran Nue Dae" actress Ningali Lawford traveled 30 hours from her home in Australia to attend the festival.

She didn't know what to expect from her first trip to Oklahoma, she said, so she formed her own high expectations.

Every expectation, she said, was met.

"What I imagined is what happened," Ms. Lawford said. "I wanted to hear amazing indigenous stories and come to an amazing indigenous country, meet the most amazing people and to be able to show our movie to the crowd here. And I did!

"That's the whole thing about making native films. You have to put yourself out there and I am glad I did."

As a high school exchange student, Ms. Lawford lived in Alaska. But, she said, she always wanted to come to real "Indian Country."

The festival also inspired Chickasaw film student Blake Brown. Ms. Brown found information about the event on-line and decided to attend the Sept. 6 "Filmmaker's Summit."

"I saw they were having the screening series in Oklahoma and then I saw the Chickasaw Nation was hosting it, so I to decided to show up on my own," she said.

The University of Oklahoma sophomore said the festival made her more aware of the opportunities for native filmmakers in Oklahoma. The films, she said, inspired her to "just keep trucking" and become a better film maker with a purpose.

Filmmakers Summit

The event opened with the Sundance Institute's Native Filmmakers Summit, led by Bird Runningwater director of the Sundance Institute Native American and Indigenous Programs.

"I am beyond excited to bring my work home to Oklahoma, to share films and engage in discussions around Independent film," Mr. Runningwater said. "I'm especially excited for us to host our Native Filmmaker Summit where we can engage with the Native filmmaking community of Oklahoma. We can meet new artists and hopefully find new films and filmmakers we can engage through Sundance Labs, Programs and Festival."

Mr. Runningwater said the Chickasaw Cultural Center was an ideal setting for the event.

"Tribes establishing these cultural centers are such a vital part of continuing our own identity in a larger world," he said. "It's also a great place to be able to integrate film into traditional arts and traditional cultural representation."

Some of the biggest names in the Oklahoma film industry made presentations at the Filmmakers Summit. Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Creek), director of "Four Sheets to the Wind" and "Barking Water" attended, as did Chickasaw citizen and filmmaker Chad Burris, founder of Indion Group of Entertainment Companies. Mr. Burris is executive producer of the feature "The Killer Inside Me."

The day included roundtable discussions, short film presentations and presentations from Messrs. Runningwater, Harjo and Burris.

Friday began with a panel of Native filmmakers including Mr. Harjo and Jason Asenap (Comanche) leading a roundtable discussion about "Perspectives in Indigenous Filmmaking."

Shawnee resident Lani Habrock and her boyfriend took part in the Summit.

"When I heard that they were talking specifically about Native short films, I felt like I needed to come and kind of get an understanding of different tribes and different cultures, because not all Natives are the same," said Ms. Habrock, who is of Seminole heritage.

Indigenous Films

During the festival seven films and filmmakers from the U.S., U.K., and Australia were featured at the Cultural Center's Anoli' Theater. Features included Bran Nue Dae, by Rachel Perkins; Senna, by Asif Kapadia; On the Ice, by Andrew Okpeaha MacLean; Buck, by Cindy Meehl; Beginners, by Michael Mills; Somewhere Between, by Linda Goldstein Knowlton and Another Earth, by Mike Cahill.

Filmmaker Asif Kapadia to travelled from the U.K. to attend the festival and participate in question-and-answer sessions after his film "Senna," the story of Ayrton Senna, a great race car driver, was screened.

Film Forward is an initiative of the Sundance Institute and The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Chickasaw Nation is the second tribal nation to partner with Sundance.

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BIRTHDAYS

Ethan Hoover

Ethan Hoover celebrated his second birthday August 25, 2012. He celebrated with a train theme party with his aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents at his home.

Ethan is the son of Amber and David Hoover, of Ada, Okla.

He is the grandson of Pat (Seeley) and Jimmy Berna, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Denise and John Hoover, of Ada. He is the great-grandson of the late Ethel Evelyn (Conley) Seeley and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Willie Rachel (Brown) Conley.

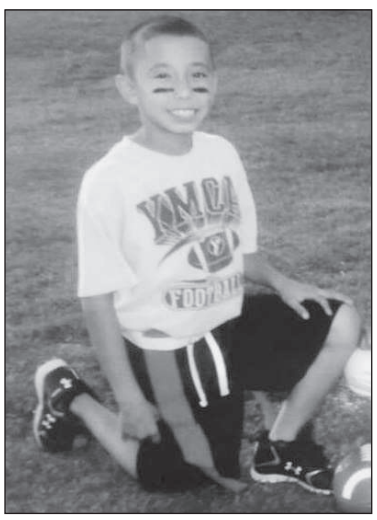
Louise Carpenter

Chickasaw tribal citizen Louise Carpenter, of Wichita Falls, Texas celebrated her 96th birthday September 11, 2012.

A celebration has hosted a few days prior to September 11 at the home of her son, Bobby Carpenter. Attending were Bobby Carpenter and his family, Louise Carpenter's younger brother, Gerald and his wife, Betty, and other family members.

She is the daughter of Ed Burkett an original enrollee.

Happy birthday Louise!



Phillip Whitthorne III

Phillip Carlysle "Boo-Boo"Whitthorne III turned 9 years old September 29, 2012.

He is the son of Phillip Whitthorne, of Ardmore, Ok. Phillip celebrated his birthday with his friends and family.

He is in the third grade at Charles Evans Elementary. He enjoys playing sports, playing Xbox, and spending time with his friends and family.

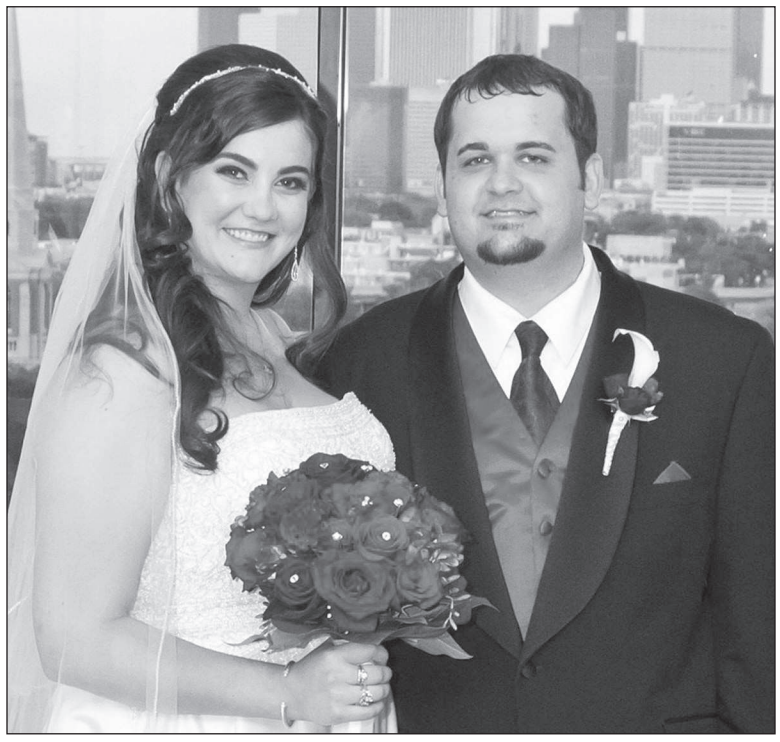
Happy Birthday from your Daddy, brother, and little sister. We love you!

Aiyana Whitthorne

Aiyana Mae " Princess" Whitthorne turned 1 year old September 25, 2012. She celebrated September 29 at the Confetti Playhouse, Ardmore, Oka. She enjoyed a Dora cake and ice cream with her family and friends.

She is the precious and beautiful daughter of Phillip Whitthorne and Mila Stoliby, and the granddaughter of Ramona Perez, all of Ardmore.

Happy Birthday from Your family and we love you "Princess".



Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw

Carber, Shaw exchange vows in Houston ceremony

Christina Carber and John Shaw exchanged marriage vows July 14, 2012 at the Hotel ZaZa in Houston.

Ms. Carber is a Chickasaw citizen and the granddaughter of Earnest Wayne and Joy Alexander and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Earnest (Urnest) Lee and Ola Alexander.

The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean and will make their home in Houston.

Little Native princess

Jagger Presley Foshi Lakna (Yellow Bird) Underwood

Jagger Presley Foshi Lakna (Yellow Bird) Underwood is the daughter of Shannon Underwood and Spencer Kiddie, of Sulphur, Okla.

Paternal grandparents are Darrel and Linda Underwood, of Mill Creek, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Tandra Kiddie and Willy Kiddie, of Sulphur.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ashlyn Fixico

Ashlyn Fixico, a student at Ardmore (OK) Middle School, has recently been recognized by the U.S. Achievement Academy for outstanding academic work.

Ashlyn was specifically recognized for her inclusion on the Ardmore Middle School Honor Roll. She was nominated by Mr. Mayes, a teacher and coach at the school.

Ashlyn is the daughter of Rodney and Kimberly Fixico, of Ardmore.

Her grandparents are Winston Jefferson, Cathy Marris and Katherine Billie, all of Ardmore, and the late David Loma and the late Kenneth Fixico.

Amber Marinucci CNDC Employee of the Year

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, second from left, and Bill Lance, Division of Commerce Administrator, second from right, present Amber Marinucci, Black Jack Shift Supervisor at Newcastle Casino, with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce 2011 Employee of the Year Award. Ms. Marinucci was awarded the honor for exemplary service and outstanding teamwork during a time of transition at her facility. She assumed additional duties while maintaining her current duties and coordinating a very successful blood drive at the facility. Far left, Tony Sullins, Newcastle Casino Table Games Manager, and far right Jennifer Kaneshiro, Commerce Division Chief Human Resources Officer.

Choctaw Hymns Singing Oct. 8 in Coalgate

The Coalgate Choctaw Language Class will have a Choctaw Hymns Singing Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a traditional foods potluck dinner. The group will have the singing at the Choctaw Nation Community Center, 103 E. California Ave., Coalgate.

Everyone is invited to come. The group wants to continue to encourage and cherish our hymns and language and keep it alive.

Paula Carney: Choctaw Language Teacher.

For more information call (580) 927-3641. We meet every Monday evenings at 7 p.m. for language.

Merideth Stuart

Student completes Vanderbilt courses

A Chickasaw high school student has completed a summer study program dedicated to students with interest in medicine or engineering.

Merideth Stuart is a senior at Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Texas. This summer, Miss Stuart attended the Vanderbilt University pre-college PAVE program. She spent six weeks at Vanderbilt learning basic engineering principles and how medicine and engineering are related.

The program was established in 1990 by Dean John Viellette who continues to oversee the program.

"Working with Dr. Viellette was an honor and a privilege," Miss Stuart said. "I am glad I attended PAVE to better my future and expand my knowledge."

Miss Stuart's future plans include becoming a physician. She hopes to work for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

Miss Stuart is the daughter of Robb and Aletra Stuart. Her grandfather is Wayne Alexander.

She is the great-granddaughter of Earnest Lee Alexander, an original enrollee.

Colton H. Smith

Chickasaw student to aerospace camp

Colton H. Smith, 17, a rising Chickasaw junior at Cane Bay High School, Summerville, S.C., was one of only 50 students chosen statewide to attend the first SOAR Aviation Aerospace summer camp. The camp featured Basic Ground School, Green Beret Leadership training as well as actual Cessna Flight Training.

Field trips were made to the Challenger Learning Center, Shaw Air Force Base, Mariner Group and USC Engineering Dept.

Participants were required to maintain a 4.2 grade point average. Colton was also selected to attend the South Carolina Governor's School in 2010 due to his grades and citizenship standing. Both camps included complex math, physics, engineering design, problem solving and leadership skills.

A member of the Honor Society, he is also involved in ROTC activities.

Colton is the grandson of Judie Lloyd and nephew of Sherrill Martin, Ada, Okla.

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

New officers were elected during the August 7 Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meeting. They are: Betty Smith, Chair; Ira Stormy Bryant, Vice Chair; Barbara Freeman, Treasurer; Sharon Moore, Secretary; and three At-Large Members, Gloria Factor, Robert Greenwood and Linda Zachary.

Many thanks to Billy Hester for his two years service as Chair, Jim Kinney, Erleen Massey and Pamela Smith for their service as Members At-Large.

Jason Eyachubbe from Chokka Kolimpi taught us to sing a Choctaw song at our September 4 meeting at Lake Pointe Towers, 4005 N.W. Expressway, Sixth Floor, Oklahoma City. We also discussed our Fall Festival and other activities for the coming year. Fried chicken was served.

If you have never attended a council meeting in Oklahoma City, please come to socialize and meet your Chickasaw neighbors. Contact Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459 for more information.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Native Thunder tops at Choctaw Festival

Congratulations to Native Thunder for winning the 2012 Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament 15-17 Age Division at Tushkahoma, Okla. Native Thunder players from left, Jacob Birdshead, 15, Trenton Davis, 17 and Kanan Wisdom, 15, beat All Pros, No Rookies for the championship. The team won a 1st place trophy, War Hoops back packs, titanium necklaces, titanium bracelets, War Hoops t-shirts, drink thermos', and pens.
Jacob is Chickasaw/Cheyenne and the son of Renata Shields, Ada, Okla; Trenton is Seminole and the son of Rick and Yauna Walker, Ada; and Kanan is Chickasaw/Choctaw/Caddo and the son of Debra Wisdom and Kevin Wisdom, Ada. The team is coached by Rick Walker (far right end).

Chickasaw author publishes poetry volume

Calvin Allison

"A Peace in the Spirit," the third book of poetry by Chickasaw poet Calvin W. Allison, is now available.

"In this book I emphasize the peace one finds in the Lord Jesus Christ when one truly comes out of the world and puts their faith in Him," said Mr. Allison.

A prolific poet for more than 18 years, Mr. Allison's previous works reflected on his painful adolescent experiences.

An inspirational event changed the style and scope of writing.

Mr. Allison has also published "Joan" and "A Sunset Rising."

"A Peace in the Spirit" can be ordered online including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com. It can also be ordered at "The Good Book Store" in Ada, Okla., or by contacting Mr. Allison at (580) 235-0164 or cwam1@localnet.com or on Facebook.

Cameron Ross Rojo Chavez

SOSU sophomore on Dean's Honor Roll

Cameron Ross Rojo Chavez a sophomore at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, is the reciepent of the Ithana Scholarship from the Chickasaw Foundation for two years in a row.

He also is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Southeastern carrying a 3.5 grade point average.

Mr. Chavez is the son of Aileen Brown, of Allen, Okla. He is 7/16 Chickasaw. His major is psychology.

Very proud of you son! Keep up the good work.

Love,
Mom

Owens-Underwood Family Reunion

Owens-Underwood Reunion August 18, 2012

Chickasaws net wins at USA Canoe/Kayak championships

Garrett Wampler

Chickasaw paddlers, from left, Hazel Eckart, Ben Conard, Garrett Wampler and Josh Turner at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships, Aug. 23-25 in Seattle. Submitted photo.

SEATTLE - Four Chickasaw athletes earned medals at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships, Aug. 23-25 in Seattle.

Hazel Eckart, Garrett Wampler, Ben Conard and Josh Turner, competing as members of the Chickasaw RIVERSPORT Canoe/Kayak program, turned in stellar performances at their first-ever national championship competition.

"To say that the youth of the Chickasaw Nation rose to the occasion would be an understatement," said head coach Aasim Saleh.

Twelve-year-old Garrett Wampler became the first Chickasaw youth paddler to win a gold medal for the program.

Paddling with three members of the Seattle Canoe/Kayak Club in a race for ages 13 and younger, Garrett's team finished first in the 1,000-meter event.

With this win, Garrett, of Norman, Okla., became the first team member to medal during the championships. He is also the first Chickasaw youth to paddle a flat-water sprint kayak,

"We are extremely thrilled and surprised with this excellent result," said Coach Saleh. "Garrett is the youngest member of our squad. The team fought hard during this four-minute event, and in the end pulled through as champions."

Garrett was also the first participant to join the Chickasaw paddling program when it launched in Oklahoma City in 2011.

All total, Garrett and his Chickasaw teammates earned five medals; one gold, one silver and three bronze, as well as a coveted nomination to a national development training camp.

"We extend our congratulations to these young, dedicated teammates," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Their determination, hard work and perseverance to the canoe and kayaking program set a good example for others to follow. They are to be commended for their outstanding success at the national championship. We also appreciate the devoted coaches and staff at the Devon Boathouse."

Determined teammate Hazel Eckart, 12, had phenomenal results at nationals, said her coach.

"After the first two days of racing she had just missed the podium, but persevered," he said.

Hazel went on to earn a bronze medal in her last race, a grueling three-kilometer women's double.

Hazel's brother, 14-year-old Benjamin Conard, earned three medals in the canoe competition; a silver in the two-person 5,000-meter race, a bronze in the two-person 500-meter race and a second bronze in the four-person 1,000-meter race.

"We are extremely proud of Ben," said Coach Saleh.

In addition to his three podium finishes, Ben also accepted a nomination to USA Canoe/Kayak 2012 National Development Team Fall Canoe Camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, Lake Placid, N.Y.

"Ben was one of twelve male and female canoe athletes from around the nation who were selected for this honor," Saleh said.

Ben is one of only a handful of young canoeists in the state. Ben hopes to one day earn a college scholarship in competitive canoeing. His ultimate goal is to go to the Olympics and earn a medal.

Ben and his sister live in Midwest City, Okla., and both have been involved in the canoe program for about one year.

The newest member of the team, Joshua Turner, of Mustang, Okla., fought hard and earned eighth place in the four-person 1,000-meter race.

"Josh kept his head up and learned many lessons he can apply as he progresses," his coach said. "Look out for this young athlete in the future. With more time in the boat under his belt he will be hard to beat."

Coach Saleh said the sport built leadership skills and the youth members learn at their own pace.

"The Chickasaw kids have become role models for other kids and older athletes," he said. "They are here early and they want to give back to the community."

The team practices twice a day in the summer.

The RIVERSPORT program is located on the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City and the team trains out of the Devon Boathouse.

The Chickasaw Nation started the youth league in 2011.

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About Chickasaw Nation RIVERSPORT Junior Canoe/Kayak Team

The RIVERSPORT Junior Canoe/Kayak Team gives kids the opportunity to race in Olympic-style sprint canoe/kayak competitions. The RIVERSPORT Junior Canoe/Kayak Team is co-ed and open to youth ages 11-18.

The program is free for Chickasaw youth.

Practices are held after school and on weekends at the Boathouse District located downtown at the Oklahoma River or at our Route 66 Boathouse at Lake Overholser.

For more information, contact program director and head coach Aasim Saleh at (405) 552-4040, or visit: www.riversportokc.org/kayak/team

About USA Canoe/Kayak

USA Canoe/Kayak is a nonprofit membership organization based in Oklahoma City promoting canoe and kayak racing in the United States.

A member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, USA Canoe/Kayak is the national governing body for the Olympic sports of Flatwater Sprint and Whitewater Slalom and the official U.S. federation of the International Canoe Federation.

For more information about USA Canoe/Kayak, please visit www.usack.org, on Twitter at @usacanoekayak and on Facebook at facebook.com/USACanoeKayak.

Youth Storytelling Workshop in November

Applications are now being accepted for the Chickasaw Youth Storytelling Workshop, set for Nov. 19-21 and 26-30.

The workshop environment helps students express themselves through the oral tradition of storytelling. The workshop is open to Chickasaw students ages 10-13. The sessions will take place in the black box theatre at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway, Ada.

For more information, contact Lorie Robins at Lorie.Robins@Chickasaw.net or (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw boy meets rockers through Make-A-Wish

Chickasaw citizens Tim Dameron and his mom, Robin, of Tishomingo, Okla., at a Make-A-Wish fundraiser conducted Aug. 25 at a Tulsa auto dealership.

Chickasaw citizen Tim Dameron chats with Motley Crue front man at a Make-A-Wish fundraiser in Tulsa last month.

TULSA, Okla. – Thirteen-year-old Timothy Dameron recently had his dream come true when he met a pair of rock 'n' roll heroes, Vince Neil and Gene Simmons.

The heavy metal rockers were in Tulsa Aug. 25-26 for the Mötley Crüe and KISS tour when they took time out to meet with the Chickasaw citizen from Tishomingo, Okla.

Tim met with Mr. Neil, lead singer of Mötley Crüe, at a Make-A-Wish fundraiser hosted by Jim Glover Chevrolet.

The singer posed for photos and signed autographs to help raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Oklahoma.

Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

"It's just fun to be involved and give back," Mr. Neil said at the event.

Tim suffers from a neurodevelopmental disorder and has spent much of his life shuttling among doctors' offices. His medical office staff nominated him for the Make-A-Wish Foundation last year.

"Look mom, it's Vince Neil!" Tim exclaimed as he was posing for pictures with the rock idol.

"I am so happy to meet that guy. It was good, good. It was awesome!"

Jim Glover Chevrolet matched every dollar earned at the event, up to $10,000. The total amount raised was not available at press time.

Jeff Summers, Make-A-Wish Foundation Oklahoma president, said funds raised at the event will go directly toward granting the wishes of Oklahoma children.

"Every dollar we use to grant wishes at Make-A-Wish Foundation must be raised every year," Mr. Summers said. "Make-A-Wish receives no federal funding no state funding we have to raise about $2 million to help grant 175 wishes in Oklahoma."

Tim's wishes have always centered on rock 'n' roll.

Tim, who was diagnosed with microcephaly as an infant, had his first wish granted by the organization last year.

He was granted a trip to New York to meet Gene Simmons, bass player for the rock band KISS.

This year, he was able to reunite with Mr. Simmons and his wife Shannon Tweed backstage at the BOK Center before the Sunday concert.

Wearing a KISS t-shirt given to him by Mr. Simmons last year, Tim told the rocker, "You are my favorite."

"Well, you have good taste then," Mr. Simmons joked as he signed Tim's backstage pass and gave him a KISS baseball cap.

Photos were snapped before Mr. Simmons headed off to put on his trademark makeup, platform shoes and black leather costume.

Tim also met Mötley Crüe drummer Tommy Lee and KISS drummer Eric Singer before the concert.

Tim returned home to Tishomingo with a pair of drum sticks and plenty of guitar picks and many stories to share with his friends, said his mom, Robin.

Tim's sisters Danielle and Stephanie and his mom also got to spend the weekend in Tulsa.

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About Make-A-Wish Oklahoma

Make-A-Wish Oklahoma grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its founding in 1987, the chapter has granted more than 1,900 wishes to eligible Oklahoma children.

The Oklahoma chapter is part of the largest wish-granting organization in the world, with 65 chapters in the United States and its territories, along with affiliates in 33 countries on five continents. Make-A-Wish estimates a positive impact on more than 300,000 individuals each year.

For more information, visit www.oklahoma.wish.org.

About Vince Neil

Vince Neil, 51, founded the Skylar Neil Memorial Fund in honor of his daughter Skylar Neil, who died of cancer in 1995 at age four.

Mr. Neil and the foundation had raised awareness and funding for various children's illnesses. The Skylar Neil Memorial Foundation has donated millions of dollars to children's foundations, and sponsors an annual golf tournament to raise money for children with cancer.

Mr. Neil has been the lead singer of the Los Angeles quartet, Mötley Crüe, for more than 30 years. The group has accumulated worldwide album sales exceeding 80 million, seven platinum or multi-platinum albums, 22 Top 40 mainstream rock hits, six Top 20 pop singles, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, three Grammy nominations for Best Hard Rock Performance, a New York Times bestselling memoir, and countless sold out concerts across the globe, playing to millions of fans.

Chickasaw Tales Oct. 12-13 at ECU

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins and East Central University's Steven Phillips have collaborated to bring "Chickasaw Tales" to the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center stage.

"Chickasaw Tales" will be presented for two performances, Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

An original play, "Chickasaw Tales," is designed for a children's audience and re-enacts some of the most-beloved Chickasaw stories.

In the course of the production, three Chickasaw children learn the stories are not only meant to entertain, but also to pass down essential values which define the Chickasaw people.

Ms. Robins serves as the Chickasaw Nation Performing Arts Division manager and Mr. Phillips works with the East Central University Communication and Performing Arts Department.

The Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center is located in the Ada Arts District and the East Central University campus.

Tickets information is available at http://tickets.ecok.edu/eventperformances.asp.

‘Giving back’ to tribe appears as German Shepherd puppy

Chickasaw citizen Minta Roper, left, donates an eight-week-old German Shepherd puppy to Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Coordinator Kelly Logan. The puppy will be trained work with one of the Search and Rescue program.

Generous, giving and philanthropic are three words to describe Chickasaw citizen Minta Roper.

Ms. Roper recently made a generous contribution to the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue program when she donated an eight-week-old German Shepherd puppy to the tribe.

The puppy can be trained to work in numerous capacities, including search and rescue, said Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Coordinator Kelly Logan.

Ms. Roper, of Sulphur, Okla., has wanted to give back to her tribe for many years.

“That is one thing I really want to do - to have one of the puppies serve with the Search and Rescue, and to be able to give back to the tribe,” Ms. Roper said. “It is quite a privilege to give back because we are a great and caring tribe and so many people have helped me. I am so excited.”

Ms. Roper became interested in German Shepherds when she was a groomer and while working in veterinarian clinics and boarding kennels.

Today, Ms. Roper spends many hours working and training her award-winning German Shepherds, which she describes as “working dogs you can show and show dogs you can work.”

She trains her dogs to understand commands in not only German, Czech and English, but Chickasaw, as well.

Her Chickasaw heritage and pride also inspired her to give her dogs Chickasaw names.

Ms. Logan said Ms. Roper’s desire to donate the puppy was made with no expectations in return.

“All that she asks is the puppy be trained to help the non-profit Search and Rescue program in any way it can.

“We sincerely thank Minta for putting the needs and goals of the department, as well as the community, first. It takes special people to give financially or by donation to a program such as Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue, which is non-profit. Minta is definitely one of those people who generously set the example of serving others and her tribe. Mvto, Minta!”

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About Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue

The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team and firefighters participate in a variety of activities, working with many law enforcement and other agencies locally and nationwide. The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team have been involved in several rescue efforts nationwide including in the aftermath of the tornado that struck Lone Grove, Okla. in 2009.

In 2005, the team traveled to New Orleans just four days after the city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The team worked among the chaos and devastation and accounted for 67 live rescues there.

Wild land firefighters fight numerous fires within the state, and have traveled as far as California to protect lives and property endangered by wild fires.

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Tribe's InnovationsOne named top minority manufacturer

InnovationOne, LLC Manager Kent Foster, center, accepts the "Minority Manufacturer of the Year" from Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma Business Development Director Sherry Harlin, left, and James Ray, REI's Native American Business Enterprise Center coordinator. The award was announced during the 2012 Oklahoma Minority Enterprise Development Week awards ceremony, conducted in Tulsa Aug. 23. InnovationsOne, a subsidiary of Chickasaw Nation Industries, is located in Marietta, Okla.

David Nimmo, CEO of Chickasaw Nation Industries, congratulates Kent Foster, manager of InnovationsOne, a subsidiary of CNI, for being named "Minority Manufacturer Firm of the Year" by Oklahoma Native American Business Enterprise Center.

TULSA, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation-owned InnovationsOne, LLC, was recently named "Minority Manufacturer Firm of the Year" by the Oklahoma Native American Business Enterprise Center.

The award was announced during the 2012 Oklahoma Minority Business Development Week ceremony, August 23 in Tulsa.

Oklahoma Native American Business Enterprise Center coordinator James Ray said InnovationsOne was selected for the state award based upon its tremendous growth over the past few years.

Innovations One, a Chickasaw Nation Industries subsidiary, was established in early 2004 when the Marietta-based business was purchased from Siemens, said plant manager Kent Foster.

Siemens had announced the plant was closing and 50 jobs would have disappeared, he said.

"The Chickasaw Nation made an acquisition and saved all the jobs," Mr. Foster said.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, Mr. Foster said, had a vision with the purchase of 100,000 square-foot factory. That vision, he said, was to expand the tribe's footprint in the manufacturing world and to diversify tribe's capabilities.

"It all started with that vision and through that vision the tribe was not only able to acquire a factory, but save an Oklahoma and Chickasaw Nation workforce that otherwise would have been lost."

Since 2004, the manufacturing business located in the Chickasaw Nation's Pickens District has increased its revenue from about $4 million to more than $16 million this year.

"The primary reasons for the success of InnovationsOne have been strong tribal and corporate leadership, superior employees, and the determination to be successful," Mr. Foster said.

The company has high-level capabilities including CNC laser cutting, sheet metal and structural fabrication, welding and powder coat painting.

The diversified customer base includes the oil field industry, airport baggage facilities, distribution centers market and the federal government.

Projects are nationwide and as far-flung as Bangkok, Thailand and Saipan, Japan.

Mr. Foster, the father of two Chickasaw daughters, said he and all the facility's employees were motivated by the mission of the Chickasaw Nation - to enhance the quality of the lives of Chickasaw people.

"All the revenue generated by this operation ultimately funds tribal programs and services," he said. "When you are an employee of this organization, you are part of something that is so much bigger. To be able to say what you did today ultimately helps a program that impacts elders or sends kids to college. It instills a sense of pride. It is priceless."

Other Oklahoma MBE Award winners include: Ohopaki General Contracting and Mechanical, Inc., Minority Construction Firm of the Year; H&H Consulting Services, Inc., Minority Sub-Contractor Firm of the Year; FSA Technology, LLC, Minority Global Technology Firm of the Year; Chloeta Fire, LLC, Minority Service Firm of the Year; Elohi, Rising Star Firm of the Year; Linda Morris, US Army Corp of Engineers - Tulsa District, Advocate of the Year; BancFirst., Access to Capital Award; Native American Times, Media Award.

For more information about InnovationsOne, visit www.chickasaw.com/innovationone.

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About Oklahoma Native American Business Enterprise Center

Oklahoma Native American Business Enterprise Center provides business advisory services and other critical resources to ensure the continued success and growth of minority-owned businesses. Through strategic partnerships with leading Oklahoma organizations, OKNABEC strives to assist minority business owners in reaching the next stage of growth for their companies.

Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections:*

During the month of September, *Connections* will feature area nonprofits that are making a difference in the community.

"Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival"– October 3

Join us live in Tishomingo during the week of the Chickasaw Nation's Annual Meeting and Festival. Several events are planned for the week-long celebration. Join us as we celebrate Chickasaws and the persevering spirit of the Chickasaw Nation.

"National Arts and Humanities Month"– October 10

October is National Arts and Humanities month. The Chickasaw Nation's Division of Arts and Humanities will host many activities this month to celebrate the creative spark in all of us.

"Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information Department"– October 17

How does the Chickasaw Nation find its place in the world? With the Department of GeoSpatial Information. Find out more about the world of mapmaking in the 21st century this week on Connections.

"Chickasaw Foundation"– October 24

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

"Aalhakoffichi'- Adolescent Transitional Living Center"– October 31

The Aalhakoffichi treatment shelter is a new Chickasaw Nation facility dedicated to American Indian youth and their families who suffer from significant mental health, substance abuse and family relational issues. If you know a friend or family member who is suffering from these afflictions you won't want to miss this episode.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

Career Development Initiative (CDI) now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps citizens who have a barrier to employment gain full time employment.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

This month on CNTV

In the month of October, CNTV will air one super-sized episode covering the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

The Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival was September 28 through October 6. The theme for this year was Spirit of a Nation. Catch a recap of the celebration this year, including the parade, cultural tours, the Chickasaw Princess Pageant and the Chickasaw Cultural Evening in our special feature on CNTV.

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Chickasaw man builds NFL career; looks forward to expanding horizons

Chase Beeler

Chase Beeler, a Chickasaw from Jenks, Okla., grew up with the same dream as countless other young boys in Oklahoma. He wanted to play football for the University of Oklahoma.

Roots of that dream go back almost 20 years to the time he first started playing organized football as a kindergartner.

He does remember that training and commitment to doing your best was a natural part of his childhood.

"I was lucky enough to have parents who are athletic and understand the value athletics and sports can bring to your life," Mr. Beeler said.

His parents and grandparents taught him to put everything he had into whatever he was trying to accomplish, he said, whether on the field or in the classroom.

Acting on that advice, he became an all-state offensive lineman and straight-A student at Jenks High School. By the time he was a junior in high school, he knew he was going to have the opportunity to make the dream of playing football at OU a reality.

While he was heavily recruited with full scholarship offers from the University of Oklahoma, Stanford University, Oklahoma State University and Northeastern, the decision to play Sooner football seemed almost automatic.

"Growing up in Oklahoma and watching Oklahoma football my entire childhood, the prospect of going there to play was exciting and very interesting," Mr. Beeler said. "Then, on top of that legacy, having my family nearby, having an opportunity to stay in the state in which I grew up was really appealing."

That "automatic decision" to attend OU grew more complicated when Mr. Beeler visited the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

"It wasn't until I went on my official visit my senior year of high school that I experienced everything Stanford and the Bay area had to offer," he said. "Seeing that, I was very conflicted, because the prospect of a new experience and broadening my social, intellectual and cultural horizons - just experiencing something new - was interesting and appealing to me, as I'm sure it's interesting and appealing to lots of 17- and 18-year-olds."

While he accepted the scholarship to the University of Oklahoma and played football there as a freshman, Stanford continued to haunt his dreams.

"I was there (at OU) for a year and it was an enjoyable year," he said. "I had a lot of great experiences. But at the end of my first year, something just still felt awry. Something was just not quite right."

After a great deal of analysis and soul searching, he decided to make the move to Stanford.

"Probably the most difficult thing I have ever done was to walk into Coach Stoops' office and tell him that I wanted to transfer and wanted to ask for my release from OU," said Mr. Beeler. "But he was very gracious about it at the time and has been ever since."

Once at Stanford, the young lineman became an integral part of the Cardinal offensive line, according to former Stanford head coach Jim Harbaugh.

"You need to be smart to play on the offensive line, book smart and street smart," Mr. Harbaugh in an article on the Stanford Website titled "Cerebral Center." "And he's really book smart, but he's got street smarts, too. He's the main guy on the offense. He's playing really well."

Mr. Beeler was named first-team All-American at the center position by the Associated Press in 2010. He also earned his master's degree in history, with a concentration in Eastern Europe, Russia and the Soviet Union

Academic and athletic success at Stanford fueled new dreams, including a career in the NFL.

Mr. Beeler graduated from Stanford in 2010 and entered the National Football League draft during a labor dispute between players and owners. Because of that dispute and resulting player lockout, Mr. Beeler was not able to talk with any teams about his prospects for being drafted.

"It was kind of a whirlwind process," he said. "I was hoping to sign with San Francisco, because the head coach there was my coach at Stanford and he had taken the offensive line coach and a few people with him. I knew naturally it would be a good fit, but I didn't know for certain that was where I might wind up."

He was eventually signed as an undrafted free agent by the San Francisco 49ers.

"They finally got the collective bargaining agreement signed at 7 a.m. on a Thursday," he said. "That was followed by a call about 7:05 from head coach Jim Harbaugh saying 'I'd like to sign you.'"

A few days later, Mr. Beeler entered training camp.

"NFL training camp for the next six weeks was a new experience for me," he said. "I had a little bit of an inside track, because I knew how head coach Jim Harbaugh was going to be running things.

"Still, it's a much higher, much more competitive level. So when you are out there and competing every snap during practice with guys who were not only all-Americans in college, but some of them are also pro bowl players at the professional level as well. It makes for a much more intense, but at times a much more educational, experience."

After spending the entire 2011 season on the 49ers practice squad, Mr. Beeler was signed for a second season with San Francisco. Entering training camp, he was hopeful, yet realistic.

"I'd love to stay in San Francisco. I've been there for the last five or six years," he said. "My heart is very much with the program, with the coaching staff and the players there, but being realistic, ending up somewhere else, at the other end of the country, could happen."

Since the end of training camp, he has spent time on the roster of San Francisco and the Philadelphia Eagles. At press time, he was on the St. Louis Rams' practice squad.

Asked where he sees himself five or 10 years from now, Mr. Beeler was quick to say he hoped to still be playing in the NFL five years from now.

"If that doesn't happen for whatever reason, I would be happy pursuing a Ph.D.," he said, adding that law school and a career in public service were other options.

Regardless of where his dreams take him, Chase Beeler is firmly rooted in family history and tradition gained through years of listening to the stories of his parents and grandparents.

"Some of the stories are inspiring, some of them are motivating and some of them are hilarious for the mishaps," he said. "But, listening to those stories and understanding how those sort of common bonds have contributed to our Chickasaw heritage, it makes for something really special. It makes for an understanding of who you are and how that brings you to relate to everyone else. . .

"You can draw a lot of strength from that. . . . You are leaving a lot behind, but you are taking a lot with you. I think it's important to remember that when things can seem difficult, when things can seem tough."

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Memorial Walk at Tuscumbia

Chickasaws sing Amazing Grace ending the Walk in Tuscumbia Spring Park.

Members of the Colbert family gathered for the annual reunion and memorial walk in the homelands community of Tuscumbia, Ala.

Each year the walk begins in memorial and ends in celebration. The family and friends walk through town and down to the river and Tuscumbia Landing. The event occurs annually during the second week of September.

Songs were sung and people from tribes including Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek and Euchee spoke. A hawk flew over and escorted the walkers to Spring Park, where the walkers found a crowd waiting to greet them.

The Indian musical group "Injunuity" played "Removal" as the walkers returned. The walk eneded with a chorus of "Amazing Grace."

Device unveiled at Jim Thorpe Courage Awards

Tribe integral in developing 'bionic suit' to assist patients with impaired mobility

Chickasaw Nation Governor Anoatubby with INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation patient Mary Beth Davis and her mother Teresa Davis.

Mary Beth Davis' physical therapists use the control pad to program the desired walking parameters, such as step length and speed, as well as control when Ekso stands, sits and takes a step.

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation recently partnered with an Oklahoma health care organization to offer a breakthrough technology that is giving new freedom to patients with impaired mobility.

Through a matching grant provided by the Chickasaw Nation, INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Center is one of the first 14 facilities in the world to offer the Ekso Bionic suit for patients with lower-extremity paralysis or weakness. The device enables patients to stand and walk again.

The wearable-robot suit was unveiled July 25. Mary Beth Davis, of Guthrie, Okla., became one of the first patients at INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation to try it.

Only weeks after being introduced to the Ekso unit, Ms. Davis walked across the stage at the Aug. 25 Courage Awards ceremony at the National Western Heritage Museum.

The Courage Awards recognize individuals who display bravery throughout their rehabilitation journey.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, with Eythor Bender, CEO of Ekso Bionics; Bill Lance, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce; and Max Scheder-Bieschin, CFO of Ekso Bionics, which is headquartered in Richmond, Calif.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and other Chickasaw Nation officials attended the event, which was hosted by INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation.

"This is exciting technology and very inspiring to see the positive impact it has on patients like Mary Beth," Gov. Anoatubby said. "INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehab is pioneering the bionic field in Oklahoma."

Ms. Davis, 22, was injured in a car accident on her way home from college classes in Stillwater, Okla., in 2010. She was left paralyzed from the chest down. Like millions of people with spinal cord injuries, the wheelchair was the only mobility option she could ever hope to have – until now.

Ekso Bionics was recently named a Top Ten invention by CNN and Wired, and one of the Best Inventions by TIME, is currently being used in rehabilitation centers across the U.S.

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Facility will produce about 150 new jobs

Work moving swiftly at Saltcreek project in Grady County

A generator is moved into place as work continues on the Saltcreek Casino project near Pocasset in Grady County, Okla.

POCASSET, Okla. - Construction on a new casino project in the western portion of the Chickasaw Nation will soon surpass several major construction milestones.

Saltcreek Casino near Pocasset is moving forward despite recent rain delays. Current projects are bringing electricity to the site and easier accessibility from State Highway 81. Saltcreek is expected to open later this year.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the property, which is the Chickasaw Nation's first economic endeavor in Grady County, continues the tribe's long-term, ongoing economic development efforts.

"We believe it is vital to take a strategic and thoughtful approach when expanding our business portfolio," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The investments we make today in enhancing the tourism amenities within Grady County and throughout the region have the potential for positive economic impact, such as job growth and increased revenues to local lodging and dining establishments, now and for many years to come."

Saltcreek, Gov. Anoatubby said, is projected to create about 150 new jobs.

The casino sits on 190 acres of previously undeveloped land near Pocasset, which is roughly seven miles north of Chickasha on State Highway 81. Bill Lance, CEO of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce, said while a great deal of work remains, construction crews have begun work on the first of many major milestones that signal the property will soon be ready to open.

"Crews have worked tirelessly to get to this point, and people in the region have taken notice of the significant headway that has been made," Mr. Lance said. "We are raising walls and building the new road, major accomplishments which signal the final phase of construction."

The north and west walls of the casino are finished, Mr. Lance said, and work continues on the remaining walls. Recently, trucks delivered the beams for the two bridges that will cross the Salt Creek and the property's current pond. One bridge will measure 100 feet, the other nearly 200 feet.

In the next several weeks, crews will begin building a new road that will link the casino to the State Highway 81 interchange. This project will include additional turn lanes, allowing proper space for entering and exiting the crossroad.

Once completed, the casino will house 556 electronic games and six table games. Saltcreek Casino also will include the Fork Café, a restaurant serving country-style comfort food, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner; the Brook Bar; and Reflections Gift Shop.

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Patience, education are key

Breastfeeding gets baby (or babies!) off to a great start

Chickasaw mother Kala Cox with her twin girls Zoe and Khole, and four-year-old daughter Kaelyn. Mrs. Cox, of Ada, chose to breastfeed all three of her children and celebrated with other families during the World Breastfeeding Month observance, conducted at the Ada, Duncan and Ardmore WIC Clinics in August.

Ten-month-old Bentley Jones at the Chickasaw Nation WIC World Breastfeeding Month Celebration. Bentley attended the event with his mom, Krystal and dad, Nick.

Kala Cox breastfeeds her one-year-old twin daughters because she believes it's "best for her babies."

Mrs. Cox, a Chickasaw, started breastfeeding when she had her first child, Kaelyn, now four-year-old.

She made the decision to breastfeed her first baby with plenty of family support and role models.

"I knew all the benefits and how wonderful it is for the baby," Mrs. Cox said.

The Chickasaw Nation Women Infants and Children Clinics honored the Cox family and many other breastfeeding moms during the World Breastfeeding Month celebrations conducted in August at the Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo WIC Clinics.

"Breastfeeding has been proven time and again to be an invaluable source of nourishment for babies, including aiding in the prevention of diabetes, obesity and other chronic and acute health issues," said Chickasaw Nation Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator Jamie Lee.

Mrs. Cox's experience breastfeeding twins proved to be more challenging than breastfeeding her first child. The twins were premature and spent a few nights in the hospital, which added to the challenge.

But she made the extra effort and preserved.

"They came home when they were four pounds and I have been breastfeeding them ever since," Mrs. Cox said. "Besides giving your baby the best nutrition, it is such a bonding experience."

Mrs. Cox offers this advice to new moms who may be considering breastfeeding their babies.

"Don't worry if it doesn't happen right away, sometimes it takes a while. It is the best thing for the baby."

The Chickasaw Nation also offers a twice-monthly breast feeding support group and breastfeeding education.

The tribe also provides supplemental foods and nutrition education to Oklahoma families through the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Programs at seven locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program call (888) 436-7255. For breastfeeding assistance, call (888) 439-8970.

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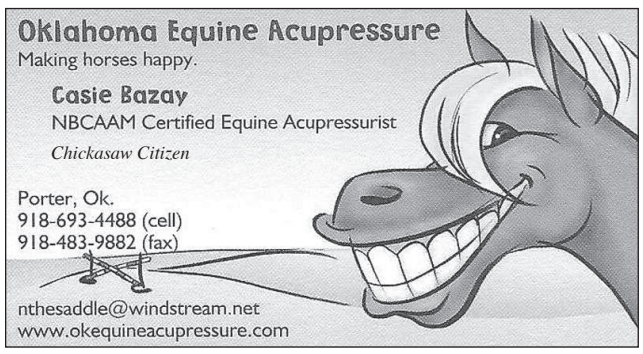

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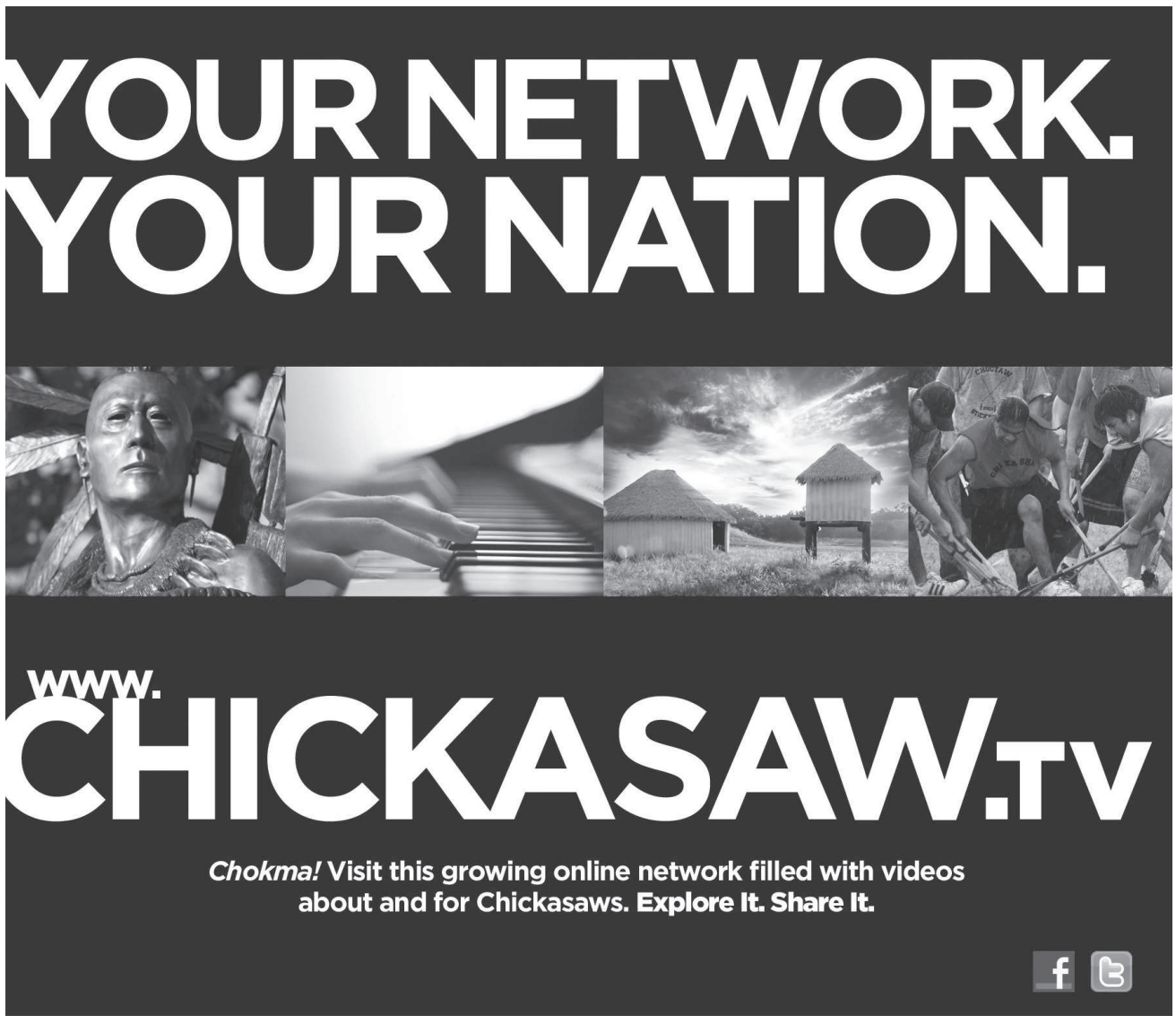
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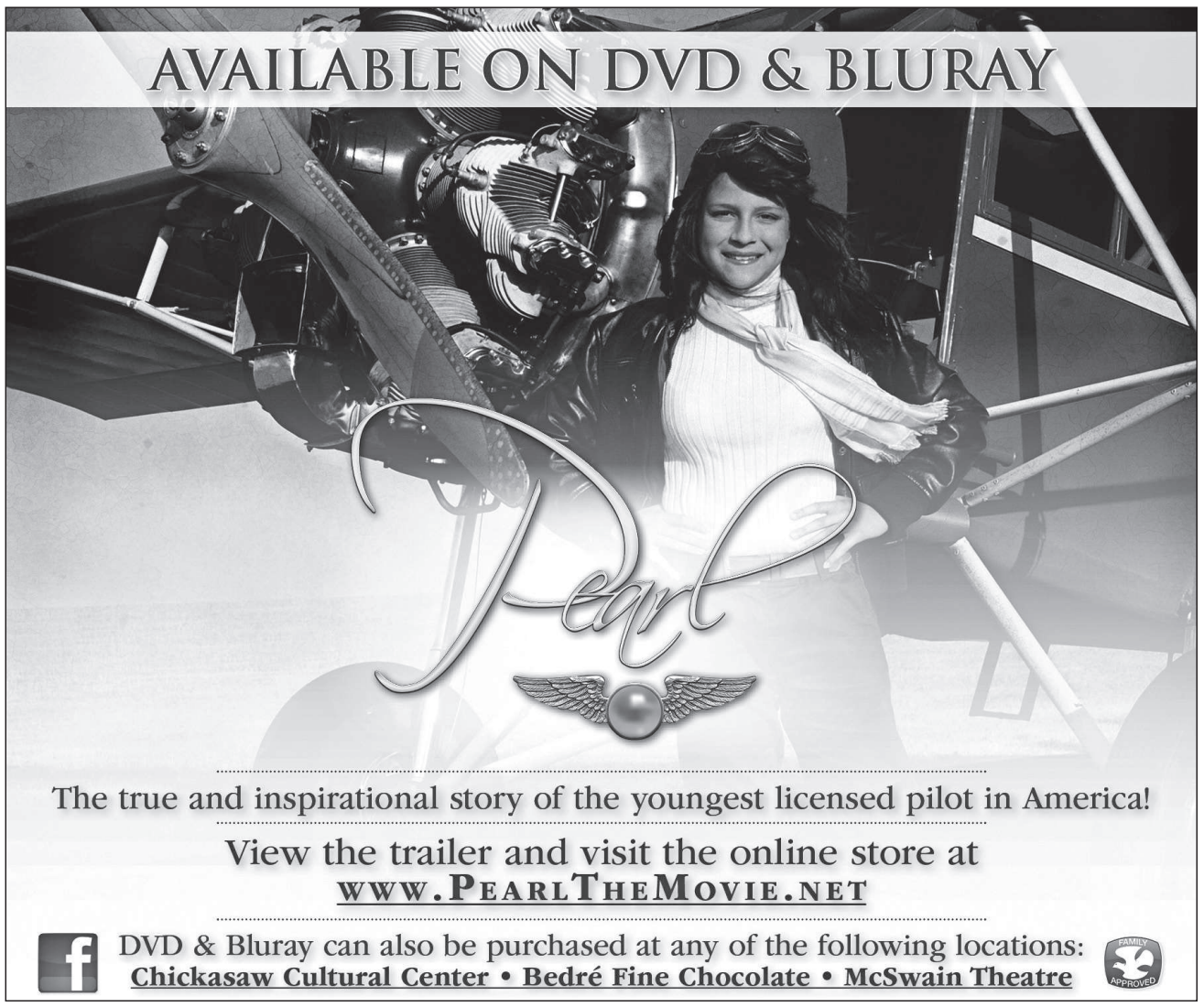
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Letter to the Editor

Chickasaw student pleased with medical internship experience

Below is a submission from Benjamin J. Lee, a Chickasaw student who recently completed an internship with the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center surgical department.

Dear Editor:

This internship has been an absolutely remarkable experience. It has allowed me to meet some exceptional people, see some amazing things, and help anyone I can.

It has also been great to help my fellow Native Americans, and I have also learned about a major health risk that many Native Americans battle: type II diabetes. Even with all that I have learned I have been taught just as much about being a good, respectable person as I have about the medical profession.

From the very first day I was in the surgery center I felt welcomed by everyone. They all seemed open to allowing me to learn from and help them. I had many questions and about everything, but from the orderlies all the way up to the surgeons, everyone seemed eager to answer any question I had!

I learned what all goes into cleaning an operating room from the orderlies. The scrub techs taught me about aseptic techniques, keeping a sterile field, and general things about every surgery. They even taught me how to "scrub in."

I would usually observe surgeries with the circulators, or the nurses that helped get stuff for the surgeons. All the nurses showed me the different ways they take care of the patients before and after surgery, as well as basic things that go on in the operating rooms.

I also learned quite a bit from the anesthesia administrators. I never knew what all that went into just putting someone asleep and waking them up! They have to monitor the patient's vital signs, administer relaxing drugs to help the surgeon, and help take care of the patient when they recover from the anesthesia. They also help the nurses out with getting all the information from the patients.

The surgeons were also a big part of my learning, of course, but not in the way I figured they would be. They all taught me a lot about their specialty, but I also learned a lot by watching how they did and didn't act towards the scrubs, nurses, and anesthetists.

What many people have told me that I worked with this summer is that they would do anything for a surgeon that treated them like their peers instead of someone that is below them. Some of the surgeons themselves told me that you don't get anyone to do anything better or faster by yelling at them or being mean. This really touched me because up until then I have heard of the usual surgeon types being "above" everyone else and I thought that is what it took. However, this is not the case.

If I have learned anything from this internship it is that no matter how much schooling you went through, how qualified you are, or how much money you make you still should treat everyone as equals or else it could affect your future work dramatically.

Another big thing that this internship has shown me is the diabetes epidemic that is affecting many Native Americans. This is an awful, debilitating disease that can kill; not by the diabetes itself, but by the many other sicknesses it causes.

It felt very good that I had a hand in helping many of the Native Americans that came in for surgery. It felt amazing helping my own proud people.

Lastly, the things that I have seen have been absolutely life changing. I was an assistant on two C-section deliveries, and it was those moments right there that I knew I want to be in the medical field for the rest of my life.

To be able to help someone to be the best and brightest they can be is so fulfilling for me. Plus the fact that everyone I helped was Native American just like me was awesome! It really did feel like I was strengthening Indians as a whole with every patient I assisted in helping. It was a wonderful feeling that I cannot wait to experience for the rest of my life!

This internship has done so many things for me far beyond what I could have imagined. It has helped me find my calling, introduced me to many people that have and will have a huge impact on my life, and finally it has allowed me in part to give back to the tribe that has helped me from day one: the Chickasaw Nation.

I wouldn't have traded these short six weeks for anything else in the world. I only wish the program was longer!

Benjamin J. Lee

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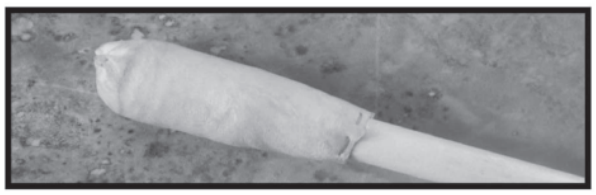

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ing the power and authority of the Governor by removing the Governor from the parole process for persons convicted of certain offenses defined as nonviolent offenses. It enlarges the power and authority of the Pardon and Parole Board by authorizing that Board, in place of the Governor, to grant parole to persons convicted of certain offenses defined as nonviolent offenses.

The Legislature defines what offenses are nonviolent offenses and the Legislature may change that definition.

The measure authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to recommend to the Governor, but not to itself grant, parole for persons convicted of certain offenses, specifically those offenses identified by law as crimes for which persons are required to serve not less than eighty-five percent of their sentence prior to being considered for parole and those designated by the Legislature as exceptions to nonviolent offenses. For those offenses for which persons are required to serve a minimum mandatory period of confinement prior to being eligible to be considered for parole, the Pardon and Parole Board may not recommend parole until that period of confinement has been served.

SQ 764 – Creates the water infrastructure credit enhancement reserve fund; allows the OWRB to issue bonds

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new Section 39A to Article 10. It would allow the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to issue bonds. Any bonds issued would be used to provide a reserve fund for the Board. The fund would be a reserve fund for certain water resource and sewage treatment funding programs. The fund could only be used to pay other bonds and obligations for the funding programs. The bonds could only be issued after other monies and sources are used for repayment. The bonds would be general obligation bonds. Not more than Three Hundred Million Dollars worth of bonds could be issued. The Legislature would provide the monies to pay for the bonds. The Legislature would provide for methods for issuing the bonds. The Legislature would provide for how the fund is administered.

SQ 765 – Grants the Legislature the authority to create and direct the administration of a department to provide for public welfare

The measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It abolishes the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the Oklahoma Commission of Human Services and the position of Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. These entities were created under different names by Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 25 of the Oklahoma Constitution and given duties and responsibilities related to the care of the aged and needy. The measure repeals these sections of the Constitution and consequently, removes the power of the Commission of Human Services to establish policy and adopt rules and regulations. Under the measure, the Legislature and the people by initiative petition retain the power to adopt legislation for these purposes.

The measure adds a provision to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to create a department or departments to administer and carry out laws to provide for the care of the aged and the needy. The measure also authorizes the Legislature to enact laws requiring the newly-created department or departments to perform other duties.

SQ 766 – Exempts all intangible personal property from ad valorem taxation

This measure would exempt all intangible personal property from ad valorem property taxation.

An ad valorem property tax is a tax imposed upon the value of property. Intangible Personal Property is property whose value is not derived from its physical attributes, but rather from what it represents or evidences. Intangible Personal Property which is still currently taxed but would not be taxed if the measure is adopted, includes items such as: patents, inventions, formulas, designs, and trade secrets; licenses, franchise, and contracts; land leases, mineral interests, and insurance policies; custom computer software; and trademarks, trade names and brand names.

If adopted, the measure would apply to property taxation starting with the tax year that begins on January 1, 2013.

For more information, visit: http://www.congress.org/election/guide/ok. For more information on Native Vote, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 17, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Katie Case

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Jeff O'Dell, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Scott Wood

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 20, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the July 20, 2012, minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 29-006, Amendments to Title 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

This resolution corrects section numbers in Title 10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR29-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR29-006 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 29-033, Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Riverwind Sovereign Medical Center)

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for Riverwind Sovereign Medical Center New Building, Project Number 1207-RWC-ADM-C in the amount of $5,984,108.00.

Sovereign Medical Solutions is proposing the construction of a family practice clinic to serve the northern area of the Chickasaw Nation. There is a large concentration of employees in the Norman, Purcell and Newcastle area, which due to the locations of the facilities, makes it difficult to have access to quality health care at times convenient for them. The clinic will be located next to the Riverwind Casino and accommodate appointment-based and same day visits for employees and the community at large.

The new clinic will be approximately 13,713 square feet and will be staffed with two physicians and four mid-level providers. Services will include in-house pharmacy, laboratory and radiology, with the expectation to add additional diagnostics in the future. The plan is to establish the clinic as a business entity to be managed by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce healthcare sector, Sovereign Medical Solutions.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR29-033.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-033 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 29-032, Authorization to Apply for Grants and Consolidate Funding

This resolution authorizes the application for and acceptance of certain grant funds. It further authorizes consolidated funding from the employment, training and related programs, and authorizes these programs to be administered in accordance with a plan devised in accordance with Public Law 102-477.

Public Law 102-477 permits the consolidation of funding (see below) received for the Pathways-To-Success program, an integrated set of services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services. Many clients seeking assistance have significant barriers to employment such as chronic underemployment, homelessness, academic deficiencies and no support system. The program strategy focuses on equipping clients with life skills critical to self-sufficiency. To improve the quality of life for our vulnerable clients, the Chickasaw Nation Pathways-To-Success program will invest in case management, counseling and life skills training to increase each client's ability to reach his/her potential while decreasing the client's dependence on financial assistance. If granted, the funds to be consolidated are estimated to be $1,227.314.00.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Baker to approve GR29-032.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-034, Gubernatorial Appointments to the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointments of Mr. Bill Lance, Mrs. Dean McManus, Dr. Judy Parker and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel to the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Baker to approve GR29-034.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Dean McManus

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR29-034 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number PR29-005, Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act)

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2011-2012 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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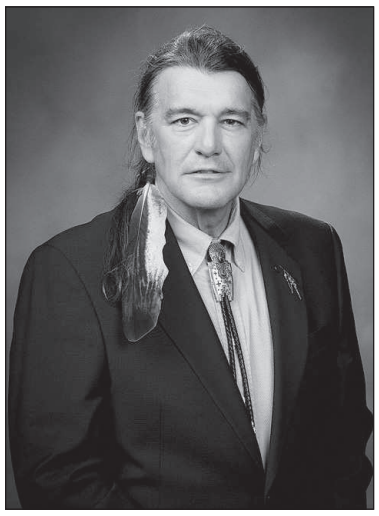
Jessie Don "Jess" Green



Funeral services for Jessie Don "Jess" Green were September 12, 2012, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla., with Bro. Wayne Edgar officiating. Burial followed at East Hill Cemetery in Roff, Okla.

Mr. Green lost his battle with neuroendocrine carcinoma and departed this life on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada with his family by his side. He was born September 21, 1952, in Ada, Oklahoma, to J.L. and Mary Jo Thomas Green.

He attended Fitzhugh and McLish grade schools and graduated from McLish High School in 1970. He graduated from East Central State College in 1974 with a bachelor of arts degree with honors and he graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Law with his Juris Doctor conferred in May, 1977.

He married Nancy McAlister February 10, 2012, at Sunshine, Okla.

Mr. Green was a proud Chickasaw/Choctaw warrior. He was a practicing attorney from 1977-1979 and from 1987 until his death. He was the former owner of Green Law Firm in Ada, Oklahoma, which is now owned by his wife, Nancy Green. He was dedicated to lifting the standard of living for his people as well as for all Native Americans.

He was recognized in Washington, D.C. and all across the United States for his ability to fight for the rights of Native Americans. He served in the first Chickasaw Legislature and was legislative chairman. At the time, he was also serving as Pontotoc County Associate District Judge. He assisted Chickasaw Indian Child Welfare by helping bring Chickasaw children back to families who had been torn apart by state systems. When Indian Child Welfare first came into effect, he was a Chickasaw champion for all Native Americans. He started the first juvenile court in the state with the Comanche Tribe right after passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act and that court still exists today. From this long history of involvement in Indian government, he successfully argued in the Tenth Circuit MegaMania case and in the Tenth Circuit Seneca-Cayuga case. These two cases allow class II gaming as we know it today in the State of Oklahoma. Mr. Green was well known across the United States and often referred to as the Chickasaw warrior lawyer from Oklahoma who knew Indian gaming laws and Indian housing regulations.

He and his wife, Nancy, have worked for many tribes all across the United States. His legal experience included eight years as judge in state district court, served as tribal court prosecutor, served as tribal court trial judge and chief justice of a tribal supreme court, vice-chaired the American Bar Association Judiciary Committee, chaired the Oklahoma Bar Association Indian Law Section, chaired the Oklahoma Bar Association General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section twice, chaired the Chickasaw Bar Association and published numerous legal articles. His practicing licenses included many Indian courts, the State of Oklahoma, all federal district courts in Oklahoma, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

His recognitions included National Indian Gaming Association Lifetime Achievement Award 2012, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Chairman's Award for Extraordinary Service 2012, Oklahoma Supreme Court Service Award 2012, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Appreciation Medal 2012 (fourth ever given), Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association Service Award 2012, John Kiefer Award 2011, inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame 2011, Tim Wapato Sovereign Warrior Award 2011, Service Award from Chickasaw Nation Bar Association 2010, Service Award from Global Gaming Expo (G2E) 2010, Chairman Leadership Award from National Indian Gaming Association 2009, Warrior Award from Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association 2008, Outstanding Service Award from Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association 2001, and International Masters of Gaming Law as Chair of the Native American Section. He had a total of 37 legal publications. Jess was a perpetual member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Sunshine Missionary Baptist Church since 1961.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Jess and Jewell Gann Green; his maternal grandparents, John and Julia Kennedy Thomas; and his special "brother," Bruce Stewart.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy McAlister Green, of Ada; parents, J. L. and Mary Jo Thomas Green, of Ada; daughter, Destiny Jade Green, of Austin, Texas; son, Judd Lawrence Green, of Ada; stepdaughter, Charity Risner, of Ada; granddaughter, Nixie Eppler, of Ada; grandson, Van Risner, of Ada; sister, Melissa Green Wilkerson and her husband, Richard, of Sunshine; sister-in-law, Sharon McAlister, of Henryetta; brother-in-law, Gerald McAlister and his wife, Doreen, of Ada; brother-in-law, Jerry McAlister, of Oklahoma City; niece, Keisha Sweeney Factor and her husband, Terry, of Ada; niece, Kristin Barbour, of Ada; niece, Kandi Stuckey and her husband, Matt, of Edmond; nephew, Jeff McAlister, of Ada; niece, Natalie Richards, of Ada; nephew, Jerry Richards, of Tribbey; niece, Amy Drescher and husband, John, of Ada; special "Mom," Georgia Stewart, of Fittstown, Okla.; special "brother," Jimmy Don Barlow, of Tulsa; lifetime friends Steve Gregory, Ron Davidson, David Hatton and Eddie Easterling; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Bearers were Ronnie Randolph, Steve Gregory, Darren Gregory, Eddie Easterling, Ron Davidson, Daryl Sawyer, Jimmy Parrish and Danny Parrish. Honorary bearers are Governor Bill Anoatubby, David Hatton, Bill Lance, Jimmy Don Barlow and Eldon Flinn.

Raymond Ray Anderson

Raymond Ray Anderson, 81, of Lone Grove, Okla., died September 7, 2012 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were September 11, at the Smith-Phillips Funeral Home in Ada, Okla., with Rev. Steven Wall officiating. Interment followed at High Hill Cemetery in Ada.

He was born August 24, 1931 at Connerville, Okla., to James and Sarah Greenwood Folsom. He married Christine Brown in 1950 at Ada.

Mr. Anderson was a truck driver for many years, was of the Baptist faith being baptized at Blue Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, camping his grandchildren and was known to have a great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Woodrow Wisdom and Charles Folsom; and a sister Bernice Tyson.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Christine Anderson, of the home; four sons, Billy Ray Anderson, of Terrel, Texas, Tim Anderson and wife Debra, of Plano, Texas, Ronald Gene Anderson and Raymond D. Anderson, both of Lone Grove; four daughters, Vera Sue Johnson and Kerry, Debra Two-babies, Tina DeCarlo and Anthony, and Lisa Anderson, all of Oklahoma City; a brother Hugh Folsom, of Oklahoma City; sixteen grandchildren Christa Avila and Eusebio, Creeda Johnson, Cheryl Factor and John, Courtnie Spottedcrow and Vernon, Phillip Anderson, Justin Anderson and Lauren Brown, Tenesha Alvarez and Alfredo, Randall Harjo, Ronald Anderson, Christopher Two-babies, Brian Two-babies and Teresa, Heather Farris and David, Jonathan DeCarlo, Shawn Duque, Corina Anderson, Apryll Alberson; fourteen great-grandchildren, Avery Avila, Ashton Avila, Zachariah Jones, Nathan Factor, Derrick Factor, Gracie DeCarlo, Michael Farris, Cash Anderson, Marissa Alvarez, Prisilla Alvarez, Alexxia Alvarez, Maximus Alvarez, Amaya Two-babies and Kaiyn Two-babies.

Pallbearers were Phillip Anderson, Justin Anderson, Jon DeCarlo, Shawn Duque, Brian Two-babies, Avery Avila.

The family wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation for it's help and support and appreciates all the support given by family and friends.

Leroy Tannehill Sr.

Leroy Tannehill, Sr., 71, of Oklahoma City, died August 30, 2012. Services were September 4, 2012, at the John M. Ireland Funeral Home Chapel, Moore, Okla.

He was born April 23, 1941, at Lindsey, Okla.

Leroy enjoyed Nascar, fishing and making people laugh.

He worked with his brothers, Luie and Billy, for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Windell and Virgie Tannehill; and brothers, Jimmy, JA and Troy Tannehill.

He is survived by a son, Leroy Tannehill, Jr. and wife, Angela; two grandchildren; two brothers, Luie Tannehill and wife, Dee, and Bill Tannehill and wife, Carol; two sisters, Madeline Allen and husband, Henry, and Linda Gentrey and husband, Burley; and a host of other loving family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their kindness and generosity.

Gene Howard Davis

Gene Howard Davis, 74, of Longview, Texas died August 23, 2012, at a local nursing home.

He was born February 7, 1938, at McMillan, Okla., to Lee Howard (full blood Chickasaw/Choctaw) and Ella Nichols Davis. He was 1/2 Chickasaw and 1/2 Choctaw. His paternal grandfather was Oscar Davis and his paternal grandmother was Jane Pickens. His great-grandfather was I Hunter Pickens. He was very proud of his Indian heritage and told everyone he knew about it. He taught what he knew to his sons so they would also be proud of who they are.

He was a resident of Longview for four years, coming from the Dallas area. He was a credit manager at Welder's Supply.

He was a Christian and a member of the Unforgettable Tuesdays Day Club for three years. He loved magic, music and entertaining people.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Lee Davis; his parents; a brother, Richard Chapman; and a sister, Juanita Bell.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon Davis; a son, Richard Davis and wife, Deborah; grandchildren, Khyzer, Johnathan and Abigail.

The family wishes to thank the Unforgettable Tuesdays Day Club, Alzheimer's Association and Southern Care Hospice for his care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Southern Care Hospice.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Welch Funeral Home.

Jessie E. Taylor

Our beloved husband and father, Jessie E. Taylor, died August 30, at Nampa, Idaho. He was laid to rest in the Idaho State Veteran's Cemetery on September 6 with full military honors.

He was born in Ruidoso, N.M. in 1934. He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force and later as a civil servant, serving our country for over 35 years.

He traveled the U.S. and Europe extensively throughout his career. He was a member of the American Legion and a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He is survived by his wife, Heidemarie, whom he met in Berlin, Germany, and later married in Alaska; three daughters; many friends and extensive family in Berlin, Alaska and Arizona; and his constant car-companion, Foxy, a Pomeranian.

He later went on to get his college degree and read more books than you can imagine (trust me, you never wanted to challenge him to Trivial Pursuit). He was always sweet, kind, caring, funny and loving.

He will be greatly missed by his wife and daughters. We love you.

MINUTES

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This resolution amends Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to address the most recent technical requirements made by the SMART Office, which is the U.S. Department of Justice agency that is responsible for the implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248). The original Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act was enacted on October 19, 2009, and subsequently there have been new requirements with which the Chickasaw Nation must comply. These amendments are essential in order for the Chickasaw Nation to properly register and manage sex offenders, thereby ensuring public safety.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR29-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 yes votes

Member voting no:

Scott Colbert

1 no vote

The motion to approve PR29-005 carried.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander announced Ms. Case was not present because of a family emergency. She made comments regarding the mail order pharmacy, housing, and a Bank 2 issue. She also announced the Chickasaw stickball team will participate in the Choctaw Nation Festival on Friday, August 31, and encouraged everyone to attend and support the team.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the Senior Citizens Emergency Assistance Program, the children's clothing grant, per capita payments, educational scholarships and grants, and school supplies.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

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Note of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who visited us, prayed with us and for us, sent flowers, cards, e-mails and food during the time of our loss. We were truly humbled by your care and generosity. So many people came to celebrate Jess's life and share our loss.

There simply aren't enough words to say what wonderful treatment Jess and our whole family received during his 13-day stay at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. The entire nursing staff of Acute Care, Dr. Mota, Dr. Lee, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Fillmore and Dr. Berger will be remembered by our family as the most efficient, caring and capable crew of any hospital we have ever utilized.

Dr. Berger, you were our strength in the storm. Governor Anoatubby, Bill Lance, Tamara and Lowell Jones, and Tony Gibson, your friendship and expressions of care for us and Jess were amazing. We couldn't have gotten through this without you.

Special thanks to Wayne Edgar and Don Parr for officiating the service; Criswell Funeral Home; Ada Forget Me Not Florist; Carlin Thompson and Terry Factor for the traditional Chickasaw burial blessing and smudging ceremony; Mike Cornelius for playing the flute at the burial; the pall bearers and honorary bearers; Governor Anoatubby, Steve Gregory, Eddie Smith and Ernie Stevens for their kind words during the service.

We were blessed with dedicated friends who came to the hospital and visited daily during Jess's final days, especially Steve Gregory, Ron Davidson, Eddie Easterling and David Hatton. David, you were our rock every night as you set by Jess's bed and held his hand and comforted each of us.

We know Jess is smiling down from Heaven in awe of all everyone did for his family and for him. May God bless you all for your loving kindness.

The Family of Jess Green

SEPTEMBER 2012 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-035

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 29-008

Amendments to Title 12 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Corrections)

Explanation: This resolution corrects the section numbers in Title 12 of the Chickasaw Nation

Code to conform to the proper format and makes no other amendments to Title 12.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Steve Woods

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 17, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
September 10, 2012

Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Tim Colbert

Finance Committee
September 17, 2012

Present: Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

Health Care Committee
September 10, 2012

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Absent: Mary Jo Green

Human Resources Committee
September 10, 2012

Present: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green

Legislative Committee
September 10, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus

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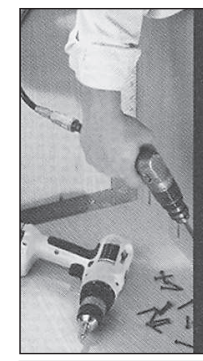
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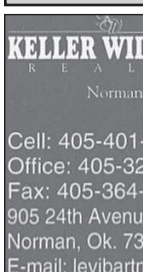
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